

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Washington, D. C. 20594

PASSENGER STATEMENT

The National Transportation Safety Board, a Federal Agency, is charged by an Act of Congress with the investigation of transportation accidents. The Safety Board issues reports and makes recommendations to other federal and local agencies and to the industry to prevent future accidents and to prevent unnecessary injuries caused by such accidents.

We would appreciate very much your assistance in giving us the benefit of your personal observations and comments regarding this accident so that we may better evaluate the facts, conditions and circumstances surrounding this accident. Your observations also could assist us greatly in our evaluation of the cause of injuries as well as the adequacy of equipment and procedures affecting your survival and escape.

In addition to completing the following specific information, please feel free to comment on any aspect, before, during or after the accident, that you believe may have had a bearing on the accident cause or on subsequent events.

STATEMENT

Name: Popovitch, Nicholas Age: 62 Height: 5'8" Weight: 260
Address: [REDACTED] VALPARAISO, IN [REDACTED]
Occupation: CEO SAGE-POPOVICH, INC Telephone: [REDACTED]
Injuries: fracture to HAND AND CLAVICLE.

If you sustained injuries and were treated, provide name and address of doctor or treatment facility:

Are you handicapped (through vision, missing limbs, spinal problems, etc., which may affect your movements.) Please specify:

No

Seat Location: If you do not recall your seat number, please specify your position as on the left or right, aisle or window location, number of rows from the front or back, near a specific door or any other method which will assist in locating your position.

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- INCIDENT DATE 1 MARCH 2015
16:15 HRS.

A. MY OBSERVATIONS BEFORE THE ACCIDENT

Describe your observations before the accident happened such as the weather conditions; the lighting conditions; whether or not you have a seatbelt fastened; your outside observations, etc.

DAYLIGHT, RAIN IN THE DISTANCE, WINDS FAIRLY CALM. I WAS SEATED IN 2R WITH SEAT BELT ON. RECALL F/A MAKING FINAL PRE LANDING CABIN CHECK AND COLLECTING GLASSWARE. ALL THINGS SEEMED NORMAL.

B. MY OBSERVATIONS DURING THE ACCIDENT

Describe the accident circumstances considering such things as any unusual occurrences during the accident; the presence of fire or smoke; the direction in which you were thrown; the severity of the impact; etc.

I SEEM TO RECALL A GREATER BANK RATE ON TURN FROM DOWNWIND TO FINAL, IT FELT LIKE WE FLOATED SLIGHTLY LONGER THAN NORMAL, AND ON LANDING I THOUGHT I HEARD A TIRE GO. GOT CONCERNED WHEN DID NOT FEEL OR HEAR THRUST REVERSERS DEPLOYMENT, THEN FELT HEAVY BRACING. WHEN IT WAS CLEAR THE A/C WAS NOT GOING TO STOP, I GOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE WATER & MANGROVES AT THE END, SO I STOOD UP TO OPEN THE DOOR PRIOR TO THE A/C STOPPING AND OR GOING INTO THE WATER. AT THE SAME TIME THE A/C WENT SIDEWAYS AND BONKED ME AGAINST THE SIDEWALL BETWEEN SEATS 1 & 2 L. I GOT UP AND IMMEDIATELY WENT TO OPEN THE DOOR.

C. MY OBSERVATIONS AFTER THE ACCIDENT

Describe your method of escape and any difficulties encountered with your seat, seatbelt, debris, etc.; the reaction and behavior of other passengers; your observations of any outside rescue attempts; any occurrence which seemed unusual to you; etc.

THE F/A HERALDED THE OTHER PASSENGERS OUT IN AN ORDERLY MANNER. THINGS WERE AMAZINGLY CALM, FLIGHT CREW WENT THEN SHUT DOWN. F/A STAYED ON A/C WAITING FOR HELICOPTERS. ONCE EVERYONE WAS ACCOUNTED FOR CREW MOVED EVERYONE TO SAFE SPOT B AWAIT RESCUE CREWS. A VERY PROFESSIONAL JOB DONE BY CREW.

D. OTHER GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

You may use this space to comment on any other aspect of the accident or you may sketch the general accident scene as you observed it, your escape method or the location of fire, etc.



Signature

Nick Popovich

5 MARCH 2015

On Sunday March 1, 2015 our plane was landing in Marco Island around 3:30 pm. We had bad weather out to the right of the plane. When we approached the runway the plane started to skid and our wing was hitting the ground.

I heard the pilots and saw them both trying to get the brakes to work and anti-skid buttons.

Once the plane stopped Nick was able to open the doors so we could all exit.

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