

## **MEMORANDUM for RECORD**

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**Date: August 13, 2020** 

Person Contacted: Dan Kelly (FAA Operations Inspector, GSO FSDO)

NTSB Accident Number: ERA19FA188 - Castalia, NC

This investigator corresponded with Mr. Kelly by email. The following information was included in that correspondence (Mr. Kelly's responses in blue):

Mr. Hicks.

I was the ops guy assigned to this accident.

I went back and reviewed my inspector notes for this accident, reviewed my pictures of the pilot's logbooks and double checked SPAS data on them. See the answers to you questions below.

Regards, Dan Kelly

My questions involve pilot recency/currency:

Left seat pilot (Boll):

Please confirm that he did not possess an instrument rating. Just wanted to make sure that he did not have a temporary certificate that was not in the system yet.

If not, he was not qualified to act as pilot-in-command since he was in positive controlled airspace (above FL180) without an instrument rating. Just confirm.

Mr. Bolls did not possess an instrument rating.

Right seat passenger (Laquidara):

His last flight review was 4/14/2017. So this would not have been valid on the day of the accident (June 7, 2019). A flight review is good for 24 calendar months, so that is correct.

Also, he did not have instrument currency to operate as pilot-in-command (last IPC was 4/29/2018 and he had not logged the required events to update instrument currency). From the logbook evidence, that is correct.

The JetProp training that he received (May 25, 2017) did not count as a flight review, did it? Doesn't the logbook endorsement specifically have to say that it was a flight review? I'm fuzzy on this one....doesn't matter anyway since he was not instrument current. You are correct on this also, maybe in his mind it counted, but there was not an official flight review signoff within the past 24 calendar months from the day of the accident.

So, in a nutshell, neither pilot was legal to operate as pilot-in-command on this flight, correct? Correct.