



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: April 29, 2019

Person Contacted: Ms. Nicole Vandelaar (Operator: Novictor Aviation, LLC)

NTSB Accident Number: WPR19FA123

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Ms. Vandelaar, she reported the following:

- The accident helicopter departed Honolulu on a 360-degree circle island tour at about 0853 (FAR Part 135).
 - It was the first flight of the day for both the pilot and the helicopter.
 - Ms. Vandelaar provided a brochure picture of the approximate flight path for the 360-degree circle island tour (see below).
- The accident helicopter fell off radar on the Kailua side of the island, and shortly thereafter the accident was reported. The helicopter impacted a residential street near the Kailua high school.
- She was informed that the pilot did not make any mayday calls, nor did he radio any concerns with the helicopter or flight.
- There were no recently noted squawks regarding the helicopter, nor did it undergo any recent maintenance.
- The pilot was hired with Novictor Aviation about 2.5 weeks prior to accident.
 - He finished FAR Part 135 training on April 19th and had a week of tour specific training.
 - He started taking passengers on Friday, April 26th.
 - Ms. Vandelaar was the check pilot for the accident pilot and said he was “super smart,” “great,” and a “fast learner.”
 - The accident pilot was a great person, who was “young,” “lively,” and “high functioning.”
- The accident pilot previously flew as a flight instructor in New Mexico. He also had experience flying for a news company.
 - He had about 525 total flight hours, most of which were in Robinson Helicopters.
 - He had just recently moved to Hawaii for the job.

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Submitted by: Samantha Link




NOVICTOR HELICOPTERS



 = 60 min Royal Crown of Oahu

 = 45 min Isle Sights Unseen

 = 30 min Path to Pall Passage

 = 20 min City-by-the-Sea