

Statement of Sarah Abdul Latif

May 1, 2019

I am the holder of Commercial Pilot – Rotorcraft – Helicopter – certificate [REDACTED]

I am the holder of a Second Class FAA Medical Certificate issued April 1, 2019.

I am current and qualified to act as pilot in command of a Robinson R-44.

I was the pilot in command of N806NV on April 29, 2019.

I departed PHNL at approximately 08:53 (HST), approximately 1 minute after the accident aircraft (N808NV).

The accident aircraft and I were flying a similar route in accordance with standard Novictor flight plans.

The accident aircraft (N808NV) and I were in contact with FAA Air Traffic Control (ATC) in accordance with standard procedure.

I heard normal radio transmissions from the accident aircraft (N808NV).

During the flight toward Makapu'u Lighthouse I maintained visual reference to the accident aircraft (N808NV).

After passing the Makapu'u Lighthouse I noticed scattered to broken rain shafts in the area.

My altitude at this time was 1500 MSL.

I maintained visual references in accordance with Visual Flight Rules throughout my flight.

Approaching Kaneohe I observed rain shafts and determined that a PONDS transition would improve my inflight visibility.

I requested and receive approval for a PONDS transition from Kaneohe ATC. ATC restricted my altitude to at or above 600MSL.

I heard the accident aircraft (N808NV) also request a PONDS transition and receive ATC approval with the same altitude restriction. This was the last transmission I heard from the accident aircraft.

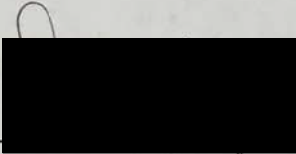
I continued my tour flight in accordance with Novictor flight plan. I heard ATC attempt to contact the accident aircraft (N808NV).

ATC cleared me to fly 4 miles offshore. I complied with the clearance.

Hearing ATC attempt to contact the accident aircraft without success I became concerned. I contacted Novictor operations and informed them that the accident aircraft was not in contact with ATC and they did not see him on radar.

I continued my tour flight and landed at PHNL at approximately 10:15 (HST).

I provide this statement based on my best recollection and reserve the right to amend it at any time.

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Sarah Adbul Latif