



## Record of Conversation

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**Date: November 20, 2017 and January 24, 2018**  
**Person contacted: Harry Leroy Halladay Jr, pilot's father**  
**NTSB Accident Number: ANC18FA007**

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### **Narrative:**

Mr. Halladay was contacted twice by telephone by the NTSB investigator-in-charge, Noreen Price, regarding the accident pilot's aviation background and health. This is a summary of Mr. Halladay's (the accident pilot's father,) statements.

- Mr. Halladay was a career pilot in the military and airlines and provided initial flight training to his son, Roy (Harry Leroy Halladay III.) He lives in Colorado and did not see his son very often. Most of his recent communications were texts.
- Mr. Halladay characterized his son's training performance as very good. Roy had excellent stick and rudder skills and was an above average student who learned in various airplane types and was able to handle them all. He also exhibited good decision making and judgement.
- There were times, after Roy became a certified pilot, that Mr. Halladay observed him making decisions that he considered risky. Specifically, he recalled that Roy would fly long flight legs over water in his single engine Cessna Caravan, and make long flights at night or in IFR conditions as a single pilot. Mr. Halladay tried to explain to Roy that there is very little risk tolerance in aviation, and he should be more conservative. Mr. Halladay had a feeling that his son did not appreciate the dangers involved with flying.
- Mr. Halladay stated he was concerned that Roy was abusing prescription medications, and that may have played a role in the accident. He said that a couple of years prior, Roy was enrolled in an in-house detox program for an addiction to Lorazepam. Mr. Halladay talked to Roy when he received the new A5 about three weeks prior to the accident, and he asked him "what is the situation with medication? You cannot mix that with flying." Roy said that he wasn't taking any medication.
- Mr. Halladay stated that Roy was suffering from anxiety and depression. He believes much of his stress was due to marital problems. He said that Roy had not been himself for several years.

- Mr. Halladay never flew with Roy in an Icon A5 airplane. He said that Roy was very excited about his new airplane. He told Roy to “resist the desire to have fun.” Roy told him that even the president of Icon told him to be careful. Roy was aware of the other Icon A5 accidents and he told Mr. Halladay that it won’t be a problem for him.
- The only medical conditions that Roy had, that he knew of, were back pain, shoulder surgery and anxiety. Mr. Halladay did not know which doctors Roy was seeing for treatment or prescriptions.

*The end.*