

TAKE PKG

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LINDA AND RONALD DAVIDSON HAD JUST CELEBRATED THEIR 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY... ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 12TH...THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY HOME TO WESTFIELD...AFTER VISITING THEIR DAUGHTER ON THE WEST COAST... THE LAST LEG OF THEIR JOURNEY... CONTINENTAL FLIGHT 3407 FROM NEWARK TO BUFFALO... AS WE ALL KNOW NOW....NO ONE ON THAT FLIGHT MADE IT HOME ALIVE.. ATTORNEY'S REPRESENTING THE DAVIDSON FAMILY...TELLING REPORTERS TODAY...THAT THE FAA KNEW..FROM OTHER ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS...THAT A BETTER SYSTEM HAD TO BE INSTALLED ON COMMUTER AIRPLANES..TO WARN PILOTS OF LOW AIRSPEED IN CERTAIN WEATHER CONDITIONS

TAKE SOT

NAME: KEVIN DURKIN/CLIFFORD LAW FIRM

INCUE: THEY ACKNOWLEDGED

OUTCUE: NOTHING HAPPENED

AT: 1:56

TO: 2:12

DURATION:0:16

{***SOT FULL***}

<they ackknowledged the need for this to be looked into and there's correspondence going back and forth with the ntsb which we're supplying to today, that shows that they formed a team to look into it and basically nothing happened>

THE NTSB INVESTIGATION INTO THE CRASH IS CONTINUING... NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE YET ON A

DEFFINATE CAUSE OF THE CRASH...BUT ICING IS ONE POSSIBLE SCENARIO BEING LOOKED AT.. WHICH AMOUNG OTHER THINGS CAUSIES AN AIRCRAFT TO LOOSE SPEED AND ALTITUDE...ACCORDING TO THIS LAWSUIT....THIS CRASH DIDN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN..A STATE OF THE ART.. LOW SPEED WARNING SYSTEM WAS NOT INSTALLED IN THIS PLANE...EVEN THOUGH IT WAS BRAND NEW...LESS THAN A YEAR OLD..THIS SUIT BLAMES THE MANUFACTURER..THE AIRLINE AND THE FAA..

TAKE SOT
NAME: KEVIN DURKIN
INCUE: THEY'RE TALKING
OUTCUE: MANUFACTURERS DO
AT: 8:51
TO: 9:02
DURATION:0:11

{***SOT FULL***}
<they're talking about pilot error, but lets talk about corporate responsibility for giving pilots more warning to this dangerous circumstance, passengers have no control over this but airlines and manufacturers do>

TAKE SOT
NAME: ANTHONY COLUCCI/LAWYER
INCUE: WHAT WE'RE
OUTCUE: THE TWELFTH
AT: 4:15
TO: 4:31
DURATION:0:16

{***SOT FULL***}
<what we are saying about this is pretty simple, it was feaseable, it was used in another manufacturers product but it wasn't used in this instance and we think it played a significant role in contributing to the accident on february the 12th>

LINDA DAVIDSON WAS 61...SHE WAS A NURSE AT WESTFIELD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL..HER HUSBAND RON WAS 66..

HE WAS A FORMER U.S. NAVY HOSPITAL
CORPSMAN..THEY WERE THE ONLY
MARRIED COUPLE ON BOARD FLIGHT
3407 THAT NIGHT

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Flight 3407 crashed in Clarence Center Feb. 12, killing 50 people, including Linda and Ron Davidson of Chautauqua County.


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Latest Flight 3407 lawsuits point to lack of

airspeed alert device

By Matt Gryta
News Staff Reporter

Wrongful death lawsuits were filed today on behalf of a Westfield couple alleging that the crash of Flight 3407 in Clarence Center could have been avoided if a low-airspeed-warning system had been installed on the plane, as recommended.

The suits on behalf of Linda and Ronald Davidson, the only married couple on board the ill-fated flight, were filed in federal court in Buffalo by a high-powered team of law firms from Buffalo and Chicago.

The fifth and six suits stemming from the Feb. 12 crash allege it could have been avoided by heeding National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration warnings about the need to install low-airspeed-alert systems to deal with engine slowdowns caused by ice.

The suits allege negligence and accuse Colgan Air Inc., Pinnacle Airlines Corp., Continental Airlines Inc., Bombardier Aerospace Corp. and Bombardier Inc. of "a series of failures" in design and maintenance of the year-old Bombardier Dash 8-Q400 aircraft.

Attorneys for the defendant firms could not immediately be reached to comment.

The suits, the second and third the Buffalo-Chicago legal team has filed here in the crash, are before U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny. On March 31, another lawsuit was filed on behalf of the family of Jennifer Neill, a pregnant 32-year-old Buffalo woman who died in the crash while carrying her first child.

Linda Davidson, 61, was a nurse at Westfield Memorial Hospital and her husband Ronald, 66, worked for the Aspire developmental disabilities service agency and was a former U.S. Navy hospital corpsman. They leave three children, including their son Aaron now serving in Iraq, and six grandchildren.

During a morning press conference in the Colucci & Gallaher law office, attorneys from the Buffalo firm and the Chicago-based Clifford Law Offices explained the suit. Kevin P. Durkin of Clifford Law said the problem of icing of plane engines was "well known" for at least six years and installation of anti-stalling software in the doomed plan would have given its crew sufficient warning to correct for the problem.

Attorney Anthony J. Colucci III said he expects that Skretny will ultimately oversee court action coordinating all of the lawsuits pertaining to the fatal crash.

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