PLANE CRASH KILLS 150 IN ALPS

Co-pilot is believed to have brought plane down deliberately after locking pilot out of cockpit

On March 24, 2015, a Germanwings flight crashed into the French Alps, killing all 150 onboard. Evidence available thus far suggests the copilot deliberately locked the pilot out of the cockpit and intentionally crashed the plane.

“If Germanwings had implemented a procedure to require a second person in the cockpit at all times - a rule that many other airlines followed - he would not have been able to lock the pilot out.”

- Aviation lawyers Brian Alexander & Justin Green

"All airlines can and do conduct fitness-for-duty testing on pilots if warranted. As evidenced by our safety record, the U.S. airline industry remains the largest and safest aviation system in the world as a result of the ongoing and strong collaboration among airlines, airline employees, manufacturers and government.”

- Airlines for America

"The flight deck is capable of accommodating three pilots and there shouldn’t ever be a situation where there is only one person in the cockpit.”

- James Hall, former chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)

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"This technology, I believe, would have saved the flight. Not only would it have saved this flight and the Germanwings passengers, it would also save lives in situations where it is not a suicidal, homicidal pilot. It has implications literally for safer flight across the industry.”

- Former Department of Transportation Inspector General Mary Schiavo