

Copilot Falls From Plane During Flight

SAN JUAN, P.R. (UPI) — The copilot of a Caribbean Island Airways air taxi fell to his death Wednesday while apparently trying to close a door that opened in flight, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reported.

The victim was identified as Richard Manley, of St. Thomas, V.I. He fell from the plane over the city of Carolina in Puerto Rico while it was on a flight from San Juan to St. Thomas with 14 passengers aboard.

The U.S. Coast Guard used helicopters to try to locate Manley's body but withdrew after police sent in large ground parties. The air taxi returned to San Juan after the mishap.

The St. Thomas-based airline identified the aircraft in the incident as a twin-engine Beechcraft turboprop.