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Joseph Trustey and his 18-year-old daughter, Anna, were killed in the crash.

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As Joseph F. Trustey's airplane descended toward Lawrence J. Timmerman Airport in Milwaukee on Wednesday evening, he called in to air traffic control and was given a clear to land.

When the plane was less than a half a mile from the airport, Trustey called back asking the direction of the wind, according to air traffic control audio obtained by the Globe.

Trustey then told the air traffic control tower he was taking a "go-around," indicating he did not feel comfortable landing and would circle once more before touching down. He did not say why.

The next voice on the recording was an air traffic control worker requesting helicopter assistance and saying, "I've got a crash on the airfield."

The cause of the crash that killed the 53-year-old Boston executive and his 18-year-old daughter, Anna, around 6:15 p.m. Wednesday remained under investigation Friday, according to National Transportation Safety Board officials.



Father-daughter trip turns tragic

Joseph Trustey was flying his own plane when it crashed, killing the Boston executive and his daughter, Anna.

NTSB investigators sought air traffic control communications, radar data, Trustey's medical records, and information on the plane's maintenance history.

A preliminary report on the accident is expected to be released late next week.

"At this point, we're at a fact-gathering phase," said NTSB spokesman Keith Holloway. "We don't determine cause this early in the investigation."

Typically, a go-around "is a normal procedure," according to Dave Pascoe, pilot and owner of LiveATC.net, who provided the audio recording to the Globe.

"You put full power on and start climbing," Pascoe said in a phone interview on Friday.

But during Trustey's attempted landing, "something failed in his execution of the go-around."

The remnants of Trustey's Socata TBM-700 were moved to a secure location at the airfield, Holloway said.

Trustey, an experienced pilot who Federal Aviation Administration records indicated was certified to fly in 2006, had been taking his daughter to Milwaukee to visit Marquette University.

The Wenham resident was a managing director and chief operating officer at Summit Partners private equity firm. He kept two planes at the Beverly Municipal Airport and flew often.

About 300 mourners attended a private vigil Thursday evening at the Shore Country Day School, where some wrote their condolences in notes to the Trustey family, according to the head of the school Larry Griffin.

The crash was the second tragedy to befall the Trustey family in the past year. Son Andrew Joseph "A.J." Trustey died last fall at 22.

A staff member at the Campbell-Lee, Moody Russell Funeral Home in Beverly said Friday that funeral arrangements for Joseph and Anna Trustey have not been finalized.

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