

Pilots accused of sleeping during flight

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HONOLULU - A pair of go! airline pilots are under federal investigation on suspicion of falling asleep during an inter-island flight between Honolulu and Hilo, Hawaii. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor says Flight 1002 was out of contact with air traffic controllers for more than 20 minutes Feb. 13 and failed to land as scheduled, KITV in Honolulu reports. The station says it was told by a source that the crew may have had a problem with the radio that would explain why it was out of contact with controllers. The aircraft's cockpit voice recorder will be checked to determine whether the pilots were sleeping when they should have been talking, the station says. Go! airlines counsel Brian Gillman issued a written statement saying the company is aware of the incident and an internal investigation is underway, the television report says.

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