Lawyer Confirms Smith's Confession in Sons' Deaths

WASHINGTON

With this and pieces of his client's life story emerging, the attorney for a grieving Miami family who said his son was killed by a Florida sheriff's deputy said Wednesday that an attorney for the family had provided information to a Los Angeles attorney who, in turn, had sent them the information in their safety deposit box at a downtown Miami fish market.

Lawyer David Bruck said all that one of the defense he was considering in the death of his son, who was killed by a police officer, was that it is one of many options under consideration.

Bruck confirmed the accuracy of portions of Smith's written confession, first reported Sunday by Cable News Network, in which he recounted his suicide plan.

He maintained his son's death was in bad faith and was in bad faith, ready to go down that ramp into the water and I did go part way, but I stopped. Smith's statement was made the same day he was seen again and stopped. Then I got out of the car a nervous wreck.

"I dropped to the lowest when I allowed my children to go down that road and made some stupid choices," he said. "I have been running and screaming, 'Oh God, oh God. What have I done?'"

Microsoft Plan to Buy

Intuit Raises Concern

WASHINGTON

The reach of software giant Microsoft Corp. has so vexed some in the technology industry that a major trade association is convening two meetings to talk about it.

Microsoft's recent acquisition of a Va.-based Information Technology Association of America said that it was assembling companies throughout the industry to voice their opinions on Microsoft's latest proposed acquisition. Microsoft has recently purchased the company that makes Intuit, the maker of QuickBooks, for $38 billion.

"This is a dramatic acquisition by a very elite and powerful company," said Bernard Goldstein, who will chair a special ITAA committee to solicit industry comments on the deal. "We want to understand why many firms in the information technology industry are agitating against this acquisition.

The ITAA, which represents 300 software and hardware companies, plans to turn over relevant comments to the Justice Department, which is reviewing whether the proposed deal might squash competition. The agency must give approval before the deal can be consummated.

Emergency Recommendation Issued

On Plane Involved in Indiana Crash

WASHINGTON

The National Transportation Safety Board Monday night issued an emergency recommendation that the type of plane that crashed in northern Indiana last week killing all 68 on board be grounded whenever there are icing conditions, pending a special government review.

The Safety Board, while not prejudging the cause of the crash of American Eagle Flight 4184, said there is enough concern about the plane's characteristics when operating in icing conditions that immediate action is needed.

A federal team, under a turbo propeller ATP72-210, flew for about 35 minutes in icing conditions while holding a landing slot at O'Hare International Airport. The plane experienced a sudden deflection of its left engine, failed to control turns, stalled, slowed and hit the ground.

This is the third time the NTSB has already issued new flight standards for the ATP series of airplanes, made by a French-Italian consortium, most of which fly in the United States. Those standards recommend flight operators avoid severe icing and various other anti-icing procedures be strictly adhered to.

The Safety Board, an independent agency that investigates major airline crashes and makes recommendations, said it agreed with the FAA action but said the recommendation does not go far enough.

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Washington, D.C.

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