



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: March 7, 2017 AST
Person Contacted: Darrin Otton, witness
NTSB Accident Number: ANC17FA018, N736AS

Narrative:

On March 7 at about 2000 I conducted a phone interview with Mr. Otton, who was a witness to the accident airplane's low fly over in Nome on March 5.

Mr. Otton said that he lives at 202 Spinning Rock Road, Nome, which is about .4 nm northeast of Nome City Field runway 21. On March 5th, at about 2215, he heard an airplane make a low approach from north to south. Then he heard it again and second and third time and became very concerned. During the 3rd pass, his sister, who also lives in the area, texted him "whose flying?". He then looked outside and saw that it was very foggy with a ceiling of about 300 ft. He said that he could see the airplane with strobes and navigation lights on, but he couldn't tell what kind of airplane it was. The engine sounded normal. He said it looked like it was going about 60 mph and turning out to the east. He took out his radio and tuned in the CTAF frequency of 123.6 MHz at about time 2220. He heard Nome FSS calling the airplane between 2222 and 2230, but he heard no response. At about 2240, Mr. Otton heard someone screaming "no, no, no!" on CTAF. He then took his hand-held VHF radio on 121.5 and drove to the dump (2.5 nm northeast) to get better reception at higher elevation. The fog was down to the ground with about ¼ mile visibility there. He did not hear any Emergency Locator Transmitter. He drove to Nome Airport and checked to see if any planes were missing, but they were all there. At 2305 he called Nome FSS, but there was no answer.