



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: March 7, 2017 AST
Person Contacted: Kristina Roush, pilot's Fiancée
NTSB Accident Number: ANC17FA018, N736AS

Narrative:

On March 7 at about 1900, I conducted a phone interview with Ms. Roush to obtain the pilot's 72-hour history and purpose of the flight from Wasilla to Nome on March 5.

Ms. Roush said that she had been living with Thomas Grainger for some time. She said that he really wanted to visit friends in Nome and had been very busy with his job at Fur Rhondy, so he wanted to make a quick trip before he started working again. He tried to go earlier in the week, but the battery was dead. She said that he used to live in Nome and had very good friends there. He made the trip from Anchorage to Nome many times before, maybe as many as 20 times, but usually in the summer. She did not go with him because she did not like to fly.

Ms. Roush said that Tom worked on the morning of March 5 until 1300, then had lunch with her in Anchorage. They drove home to their Wasilla home and then she drove him to the airport at about 1645 and helped him load the plane. She witnessed him fueling at the self-serve fuel pump. She watched him fuel both airplane wings and fill two 5 gallon containers. She said he had no mechanical issue that she knew about. She watched him depart about 1700. She received a text from Tom at 2100 saying that he was 45 minutes from Nome and would not be able to land there due to weather and that he was returning home. Ms. Roush did not know if he was planning any enroute stops. She said that he did stop at McGrath sometimes. She said that Tom knew that weather in Nome was often "iffy."

She said that she believes that the maintenance logs were at home, but she was unsure of the pilot logbook. She said that it had been a while since Tom flew last. She estimated that late summer was the last time. She said that Tom put the airplane up for sale because he wasn't flying it enough. He placed it on the market after the new year.

Ms. Roush said that Tom was a very happy man who just bought a house and recently asked her to marry him. He was in good spirits the day of the accident and had a good night sleep the evening before. She said that he rarely drank alcohol and did not do drugs. She said he was in good health and took no medication that she was aware of. Ms. Roush said that she was unaware that Tom was color blind and restricted from flying at night.

Ms. Roush did not know if Tom had a biannual flight review or any maintenance conducted on the airplane within the last year.

The end.