



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: March 8, 2017 AST
Person Contacted: Clarice “Bunn” Hardy, friend
NTSB Accident Number: ANC17FA018, N736AS

Narrative:

On March 8 at about 0845 I conducted a phone interview with Ms. Hardy, who was the friend in Nome who the pilot was planning on visiting.

Ms. Hardy said that Thomas Grainger texted her earlier in the evening that he would be arriving in Nome between 2100 and 2130. He said he would land at City Field if it was clear. He was planning on staying at Ms. Hardy’s place for the night. At 2113 he texted her saying that he was “about 45 minutes out according to the gps. I intend to land at city field unless it’s too snowy.” At 2140 he texted “how’s the weather?” Ms. Hardy replied “10 miles 600 over.” He arrived overhead at about 2150 and texted “that ... is thick” Then he made multiple passes and texted “one more try” each time. At 2214 he texted “not happening” and departed the area. At 2216 Ms. Hardy texted “So what time does that put you back in anc?”, but there was no response. Ms. Hardy assumed that he had the fuel planned out, but she had no knowledge of where he planned to stop on the way home.

Photographs provided by the Alaska State Troopers of texts with Mr. Grainger are displayed below.

