



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: January 19, 2017 @ 1100
Person Contacted: Derek Schraffenberger, AK DOT Port Heiden Agent
NTSB Accident Number: ANC17TA015, N4261T, PA-32-260

Narrative:

Mr. Schraffenberger is employed as an Alaska Department of Transportation airport agent at Port Heiden. On the evening of the accident, the pilot called him to get a weather update. This is a summary of Mr. Schraffenberger's statements:

- On January 16 at 1505 he was called by Matt Vandeventer (accident pilot) via the passenger's mobile cell phone. Mr. Vandeventer wanted the current weather observations from Port Heiden airport. He was not able to hear AWOS while on the ground at Pilot Point.
- Mr. Schraffenberger gave him the conditions as: winds 25-30 knots from northwest, greater than 10 statute miles visibility in occasional snow flurries, ceiling between 3,000 and 4,000 feet. There was no accumulation. The snow was going sideways.
- Lake Clark Air came in 20 minutes prior to the call and had no problems.
- The AWOS was working at that time.
- The weather stayed consistent throughout the afternoon and evening.
- At 1520, he received another call from the passenger's mobile phone. She said that the airplane crashed and asked him to call the Coast Guard.

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