



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Noreen Price
Aviation Accident Investigator
Alaska Regional Office

Date: October 17, 2018
Persons Contacted: Ben Andrews, brother
NTSB Accident Number: ANC18FA036 N7061W PA-28

Narrative: Mr. Ben Andrews was the accident pilot's brother (Brett Andrews). He lived in Alaska and was close to his brother. He was interviewed by telephone and this is a summary of his statements.

Mr. Ben Andrews (Ben) stated that his brother was working in Valdez two weeks a month and he wanted to reposition the airplane there for the summer. The airplane was purchased from Maritime Helicopters about 2 years ago and it was tied down at Merrill Field. He was not familiar with his brother's flight training, but he thought members of the Fell family may have been instructing him.

His brother lived with his mother in Anchorage when he was not in Valdez. Ben had breakfast with him on the Thursday and Friday before the accident. Brett seemed to be his "happy go lucky" self. He wanted to fly the airplane to Valdez Friday night, but he said the weather was bad.

The airplane was last inspected by Johnny Evans Sr. in Wasilla.

Brett flew the airplane a few times since the snow left, but not during the winter.



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Noreen Price
Aviation Accident Investigator
Alaska Regional Office

Date: October 17, 2018
Persons Contacted: Katie Wilkerson, pilot's girlfriend
NTSB Accident Number: ANC18FA036 N7061W PA-28

Narrative: Ms. Wilkerson was the accident pilot's girlfriend. She was interviewed by telephone. This is a summary of her statements.

Ms. Wilkerson was familiar with Mr. Andrews health and life habits. They had been dating since August 2017. On the day of the accident, Mr. Andrews texted her before he took off, "I'm about to leave." He did not mention any weather or mechanical issues.

She last saw Mr. Andrews on May 8th or 9th. She then left town and is currently living in Juneau. Mr. Andrews normally was very careful about getting good sleep before a flight. He had no health issues and he ate well and exercised regularly.

Ms. Wilkerson was not familiar with who his instructors were or who would have endorsed his logbook for a solo flight. She had flown with him before, but a rated pilot who was a friend of his was flying. He was very careful about following the rules and he knew that he could not carry passengers as a student pilot. She was not familiar with whether he had any recent training flights, but he did not mention it. Mr. Andrews really wanted to finish training and get his private pilot license, but he had many time constraints. She did not know why he was selling the airplane. She had no knowledge of Mr. Andrews flying solo to Valdez.



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Noreen Price
Aviation Accident Investigator
Alaska Regional Office

Date: May 17, 2018
Persons Contacted: Gerry and Kathie Andrews
NTSB Accident Number: ANC18FA036 N7061W PA-28

Narrative: Gerry and Kathie Andrews were the accident pilot's parents. They were interviewed together by telephone and this is a summary of their statements.

Mr. Andrews stated that the airplane was bought by Maritime Helicopters and was a very well maintained airplane with a new 200 hour engine in it. Brett bought it and then leased it back to the company for a while. There were no mechanical issues with it. The airplane had a recent annual inspection. Brett had 2 or 3 different instructors. One of them was Johnny Evan Jr. Mr. Andrews did not know who Brett was flying with recently at Merrill Field.

Mrs. Andrews stated that Brett was in good health and he was very happy. He had lost weight and had a wonderful girlfriend. He did suffer from sleep apnea, but that was under control. Dr. Thomas was his AME. Brett had dinner with the family Friday night, and all was good.