



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: June 12, 2018
Persons Contacted: Mark Stroble, Friend and Flight Instructor
NTSB Accident Number: ANC18FA044, N1203A PA-18

Narrative: Mr. Stroble is a flight instructor and friend of Stonie Huffman, the accident pilot. This is a summary of his statements.

Mr. Stroble is a certificated flight instructor who instructed Mr. Huffman in the airplane. He was friends with Mr. Huffman for a very long time. Mr. Stroble flew with Mr. Huffman last about May 15, 2018. He provided Mr. Huffman with initial pilot training and also float training in his PA-18 in early May after the floats were installed. He estimated that Mr. Huffman has about 20-40 hours of float time in the airplane at the time of the accident. He stated that the pilot was extremely bright and knowledgeable. He was an above average student pilot.

He stated the accident airplane did not have a rear seat control stick installed. Mr. Huffman flew with a portable GPS unit usually, but likely did not use one for the accident flight because he was very familiar with the area. He also had an InReach and satellite phone, but Mr. Stroble had the phone.

He did not know about insurance on the airplane. Mr. Stroble did see the temporary registration certificate in the accident airplane when he flew it, and he asked Mr. Huffman if he sent it into the FAA, which he replied affirmative.

He stated that Mr. Huffman had no health or stressful issues at all.

Mr. Stroble heard that the airplane was in a river, which he thought was very strange because Mr. Huffman would never land in a river.