



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: November 30, 2019
Persons Contacted: Timothy (Neal) Hedrick, Witness
NTSB Accident Number: ANC20FA007 Security Aviation N4087G

Narrative:

Mr. Hedrick witnesses the airplane before the accident that occurred on November 29, 2019 near Cooper Landing, Alaska. The interview was conducted by telephone. This is a summary of his statements.

- Mr. Hedrick was parked in his semi-truck on the Sterling Highway near mile marker 63 on the night of the accident. He was waiting for his son to join him on the highway.
- He observed the accident airplane in the Swanson Lake area heading south toward Sterling. He watched the airplane circle three times over the highway as it descended and headed southeast into the valley. It was dark and he could only see its lights. He observed 2 lights on each wing, but he could not tell if they were landing gear lights. He didn't hear the engines.
- He observed the airplane banking right and left before the accident. As he was looking elsewhere, the airplane impacted the mountain. He observed flames on the mountainside. He called 911.
- The night was dark, but not rainy. It was very windy, about 25 kts gusting to 40 kts. He was watching the trees swaying back and forth. He drives a lumber truck and stated that the winds at Turnagain Arm were strong and the area of the accident can have big gusts.

Update January 3, 2020

- Mr. Hedrick was contacted again in regard to his location when he observed the winds. He stated that he was in a large parking lot that is on the southside of the entrance to the valley, in open terrain. (Note: The only large parking lot is on the North side of the highway)
- He stated that the winds were 35-45 kts and as he was facing south the trees were leaning to left to the west. He believes the winds were from the east.