



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Persons Contacted: Carrie and John Williams, Witnesses

NTSB Accident Number: ANC20FA007 Security Aviation N4087G

Narrative:

Mrs. Williams was a witness to airplane accident that occurred near Cooper Landing, Alaska, on November 29, 2019. Her name was provided by the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center. This is a summary of her statements. The interview was conducted by telephone.

- Mrs. Williams lives in Cooper Landing. On the night of the accident, she and her husband were driving together home from Soldotna, east on the Sterling Highway.
- She was driving the vehicle and noted a bright white light north of the highway, moving to the southeast. It looked like a search light. She could not hear the airplane. She and her husband thought it might be a medevac helicopter going to Cooper Landing, because it was low. It seemed unusual for the dark night. She did not see the airplane itself; only the lights.
- Mrs. Williams saw the airplane fly southeast, then turn over the lake to the north, then back to the southeast and then turn to the north and impact the mountain, like an explosion. There was fire hundreds of feet wide and what sounded like ordinance explosions going off.
- She pulled the vehicle into a parking area by Jean Lake and observed the fire for a while.
- There was some wind, the weather was clear and dry about 42 degrees F.

Summary of Mr. Williams's statements:

- Mr. Williams saw a bright search light over Jean Lake. He called the Cooper Landing emergency services to find out if there were any active medevacs going on because he thought it was a helicopter and something was wrong.
- While he was looking down at his phone, the airplane impacted the mountain.

Update January 3, 2020

Mrs. Williams was contacted again to get the exact location that she pulled over and observed the wreckage burning and the winds. She stated that she pulled over at the Jean lake campsite and the winds were light. She said that she would drive out the path she saw the airplane fly on a map if I sent it to her in the mail. She also stated that 4 men interviewed her at Wildman's café, and she thought one of them was with the NTSB. She drew the flight path out on a map for them. She did not know their names or who they were with.

Update January 15, 2020

Mrs. Williams visited the NTSB office in Anchorage to illustrate where the airplane was when she observed it and where she was when she parked and observed the winds. This is a summary of her statements.

- She observed a very bright search light up the north ridge. It looked like a helicopter was looking for something. She was driving southeast along the highway after passing the large gravel parking lot. Then she saw the airplane fly left to right, across the highway (perpendicular) toward the south.
- The airplane was not in view for some time after that, but she could not recall how long. She was driving.
- About a mile before passing Jean Lake, near the Sky Line Trail head, she observed the airplane fly northeast into the mountain (left to right across the car windshield.) She stated that the airplane did not seem to be out of control or having wind problems.
- She provided handwritten sketch that was difficult to read. A google earth picture is provided below that illustrates her locations.



Figure 1. Mrs. Williams location are in green. The observed flight paths are in blue.

Mrs. Williams also mentioned that she believed that the men who interviewed her after the accident were from Security Aviation and LifeMed.