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Subject: ANC24FA008 eyewitness

Contact: Jesse Smith

Witness was at work, running a power washer, at Dibble Creek Rock (34481 North Fork Road, Anchor Point, Alaska) approximately 1.73 mile Southeast of the accident site. The witness reported that he heard an airplane overflying straight North or Northeast of his position. Witness stated that he thought the airplane was headed North from the Anchor Point airport. He heard the prop "wind up" like a "dive bomber in the movies". He then looked up and saw the airplane "barrel-rolling" and "nose-diving" towards the ground. Subsequently, he reported that he saw the left wing come detached / break off and he saw the right wing fold up near the fuselage. Witness stated that, at first, he thought someone was doing intentional aerobatics until he saw the wing come off. The witness estimated that the aircraft was falling downward at around a 45-degree angle in a twisting motion. Witness stated that he did not hear any abnormal noises before the engine began to wind up and he also did not hear the airplane impact the ground. Witness reported that he did not hear or see any other aircraft in the area at, or around, the time of the accident.