

Memorandum of Conversation

Date: June 1, 2017

Time: 0830 central daylight time

Conversation Including: FAA Inspector Peter Hupfer

Conversation Regarding: CEN17LA204, N71JA

Duration of Call: 20 Minutes



Summary & Factual Information from Conversation:

NTSB Investigator Fox called FAA Inspector Hupfer to discuss the circumstances of an Aviat Husky A1B float-equipped airplane, N71JA, that sustained substantial damage while landing on Lake Tomahawk on May 26, 2017.

Inspector Hupfer stated that the Woodruff Police Department had identified two witnesses to the accident (brothers Mark H. Hanson and Matthew J. Hanson). Inspector Hupfer interviewed both witnesses via phone calls received on May 31, 2017.

Inspector Hupfer interviewed Mr. Mark H. Hanson at 0955 on May 31, 2017. Mr. Hanson stated that his father, brother, and he were fishing on Lake Tomahawk when the accident occurred. He saw the airplane on a final approach to the lake while flying to the north/northwest. The witness stated that he did not observe or hear anything abnormal with the airplane as it descended toward the lake to land. He noted that the airplane had descended to within a few feet of the lake surface when he turned his attention away from the airplane (he did not observe the actual airplane crash). The witness stated that his father and brother did see the airplane land and nose over. He noted that they were about ½ mile from the accident site and that the water conditions were cold with slight ripples on the surface. They responded to the accident site and aided the pilot who had a cut to her forehead. They then assisted a tow company with getting the airplane towed to shallow water near the shoreline.

Inspector Hupfer interviewed Mr. Matthew J. Hanson at 1535 on May 31, 2017. Mr. Hanson confirmed that he and his father saw the airplane on final approach and land on Lake Tomahawk. He stated that the airplane came within 5 ft of the lake surface, then climbed to 15 above the lake before it descended and landed on the lake. Mr. Hanson stated that the airplane nosed over immediately after it touched down on the lake. He did not recall if the airplane was level or nose low before it landed on the lake. After the accident they motored over to aid the pilot who was wet, cold, and shivering. The pilot had a cut to her head and appeared to be shaken by the event.

--- End of interview summary ---

I can attest that the above summary and factual information was taken on the above stated day, and is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signed: _ Andrew Todd Fox _

Dated: _ June 1, 2017 _

Andrew Todd Fox
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