

Interview Summary

Name: Antonio Benavides
Representative: Declined representation
Location: Telephone
Date/Time: 0820, June 01, 2015
Present: Williams (NTSB)

During the interview Mr. Benavides stated the following:

While returning to Talkeetna Airport, Talkeetna, Alaska (PATK) from a commercial flight seeing tour May 31, 2015, he was involved in a mid-air collision with a Cessna 172. His airplane, N1694M, a Cessna 185, overtook the Cessna 172 and the collision occurred just prior to crossing the runway 18 threshold.

While approaching the airport, N1694M was the fifth commercial air tour airplane in sequence for landing. He remembered hearing the Cessna 172 make a radio communication on the common traffic advisory frequency (CTAF), 123.6, that he was 10 miles south of the airport.

Mr. Benavides then entered the airport traffic pattern from the northwest on an extended right base for runway 18. He flew a slightly slower approach speed than usual. Just prior to crossing the runway threshold, his airplane impacted the Cessna 172. Both airplanes remained joined together from the point of impact in the air, until impacting the ground.

This concluded the interview.