



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Teresa Walkush (Wife of the Pilot, Jason Walkush – N1905A)

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Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Teresa Walkush to the NTSB IIC, via telephone.

- The flight was a 14 *CFR* Part 91 personal flight, for a solo sheep hunting trip.
- Jason departed from Merrill Field Airport (MRI), Anchorage, Alaska on August 18 about 1630 and arrived at the remote airstrip near Telaquana Lake about 1930.
- The length of the hunting trip was open ended, with no set return date.
- On August 23, Jason contacted Teresa via a satellite phone and asked her to retrieve various weather information for a return flight back to MRI.
- Teresa instructed Jason to call her back in about 5 minutes and she would provide him the requested information. Jason never called Teresa back.
- About 2220, Teresa received a text message from Jason stating that he was flying over Kenibuna Lake and he should be home around 2300. No further communications were received from Jason.
- Jason was not rushed to return home, nor did any sort of emergency occur that required Jason to depart when he did.
- Jason was a conservative and safe pilot when flying.
- Jason was cognizant about the dangers of flying in Alaska, particularly with bad weather in the mountains. Jason would never “rush” with weather conditions.
- Jason was meticulous about always calling for a weather briefing for when he flew.
- Jason always carried a satellite phone, so he could call and get weather briefings when he flew.
- Jason had no issues with sleeping/fatigue, drugs, alcohol, or stress.
- Jason was a fit, healthy person and lived an active lifestyle.