



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 27, 2011
Person Contacted: Arthur May
NTSB Accident Number: ANC11FA107

Narrative:

Mr. May was an employee of the operator who accompanied the pilot on the flight. Mr. May sustained serious injuries. The interview was conducted at the Alaska Native Medical Center, Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. May's parents were present in the room during the interview.

On September 27, during an interview with the NTSB IIC, the front right seat passenger said that he was an employee of the company, and had accompanied the pilot to Old Harbor. At Old Harbor they picked up one passenger, and headed to Kodiak. He said that during the flight to Kodiak the pilot decided to land at Heitman Lake, for no particular reason. The passenger said after making an approach to the lake, but before touching down, the pilot decided to proceed to Kodiak without landing. He said the pilot flew low over the surface of the lake toward the "V" shaped notch at the east end of the lake. He said that as the airplane flew through the notch, he thought the left wing of the airplane had hit the hillside, but he didn't see the tree. He said that after the initial impact the pilot reacted by pulling back hard on the control yoke and rolling the airplane to the right. As the airplane entered a steep climb, it began to shake, and he heard the stall warning horn come on. The airplane then rolled left before entering into a steep, nose down descent, which was followed by an impact with the ground.