



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: April 2, 2014**

**Persons Contacted: Mrs. Nancy and Mr. Alan Russell (Possible eyewitnesses)**

**NTSB Accident Number: WPR14FA132**

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### **Narrative:**

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. and Mrs. Russell in a telephone conversation on the noted date:

- Ms. Russell contacted the CCSO and they relayed her contact information to the NTSB
- She and her husband live in Carson City, NV, about 1 mile SW of the Carson City airport (CXP)
- About 5pm on the Saturday (March 8, 2014) before the airplane wreckage was located, she was on her back porch (approximately facing the airport) and noticed an airplane flying "erratically."
- She remarked to her husband that the airplane appeared to be flying "like the pilot was drunk" and called him out to look at the airplane
- Her husband was a pilot, and they had flown together in his Bonanza many times
- She was not a pilot, and "did not know a lot about airplanes"
- She believed the airplane to be a "cessna" since it had a high wing
- She believed that it was light colored
- She first noticed the airplane to the E, heading approximately NW. At that time she estimated the airplane to be a mile away, but she was not very certain of her distance estimate
- It flew some "weird patterns" or "maneuvers" which varied in all three dimensions (including altitude)
- Mr. Russell also observed the airplane, and he said that it appeared to be an "older Cessna"
- He observed the airplane maneuvering in the vicinity of CXP, but since there was a "low ceiling" of "dark clouds" in the vicinity of the airport, the weather was "not VFR" and he could not understand why someone would be attempting to land at CXP at that time
- He stated that he was not certain whether the airplane was attempting to land at CXP
- He went back in the house before the airplane disappeared from view
- There were also some clouds to the NW, and one was particularly dark ("black")
- Mrs. Russell observed the airplane fly into that cloud, and did not observe it exit from that cloud

- Her husband told her that he would not fly into such a cloud
- She estimated that the airplane was in her view for about 5 minutes
- It never appeared to her to be taking off from or landing at CXP

**NTSB IIC Note:**

The witness description of the airplane direction of travel NW did not match the expected direction of travel (SE) of the accident airplane. The observed airplane could not be positively associated with, or dissociated from, the accident airplane.