



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	KALSKAG, AK	Accident Number:	ANC92LA056
Date & Time:	04/01/1992, 0030 AST	Registration:	N11140
Aircraft:	CESSNA 150	Injuries:	2 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT HAD LANDED AT THE KALSKAG AIRPORT EARLIER - SOMETIME AFTER 2200 - AND WAS OBSERVED DRINKING HEAVILY FROM A BOTTLE WHICH WAS FINISHED AND THROWN AWAY. HE THEN TOOK ANOTHER FIFTH OF WHISKEY OUT FROM BEHIND HIS SEAT. THE PASSENGER ASKED THE PILOT TO FLY HER TO RUSSIAN MISSION. THE PILOT STATED HE WANTED TO SOBER UP FIRST. THE PASSENGER COAXED THE PILOT 'LIKE CRAZY' INTO TAKING HER. THE PILOT THEN TOOK THE OPEN FIFTH FROM BEHIND HIS SEAT AND PUT IT IN THE PASSENGER'S LAP. HE THEN AGREED TO FLY HER TO RUSSIAN MISSION. AT 0200 AN ELT SIGNAL WAS PICKED UP BY A SATELLITE. THE AIRPLANE HAD CRASHED ON A FROZEN LAKE 12 MI WEST OF KALSKAG. DAMAGE WAS CONSISTENT WITH A HIGH SPEED, NOSE LOW IMPACT. THE PILOT'S BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL WAS 209 MG/DL, AND A 0.035 UG/ML LEVEL OF TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CARBOXYLIC ACID (MARIJUANA) WAS ALSO DETECTED IN HIS BLOOD. THE PASSENGER'S BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL WAS 95 MG/DL.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE PILOT'S FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE AIRPLANE AS A RESULT OF HIS PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT DUE TO ALCOHOL. A FACTOR WAS THE DARK NIGHT.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT
Phase of Operation: CRUISE

Findings

1. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DARK NIGHT
 2. (C) AIRCRAFT CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
 3. (C) IMPAIRMENT(ALCOHOL) - PILOT IN COMMAND
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Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	32
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None

Flight Time:

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N11140
Model/Series:	150 150	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	FRED C. HOLMBERG	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-200-A
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Dark
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Witness
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	/ ,
Temperature:	-4° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Destination: RUSSIAN MISSION, AK (RSH)		

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Latitude, Longitude:			

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	GEORGE KOBELNYK	Adopted Date:	12/16/1993
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