



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	STERLING, AK	Accident Number:	ANC85FA026
Date & Time:	12/01/1984, 1425 AST	Registration:	N3908M
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-12	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	37, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Front
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	Yes
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	11/28/1983
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	211 hours (Total, all aircraft), 63 hours (Total, this make and model), 102 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 11 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 9 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N3908M
Model/Series:	PA-12 PA-12	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	12-2807
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	3
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	05/27/1983, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1750 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	106 Hours	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2047 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	O-290-D
Registered Owner:	ERNIE L. BELNAP	Rated Power:	135 hp
Operator:	ERNIE L. BELNAP	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0000	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown / 8000 ft agl	Visibility	50 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 8000 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	Calm /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	-7° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	STERLING, AK	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1352	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): ROY C DAW

Additional Participating Persons: JOHN MICHAELIS; ANCHORAGE, AK

Investigation Docket: NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at pubinq@ntsb.gov, or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/>.