disease and hepatitis program of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. She was the only passenger. # It was the second fatal crash for the Ketchikan-based Taguan Air in less than week. On May 13, a Taguan floatplane on a flightseeing tour collided mid-air with another floatplane. Six people died and 10 people were injured. # The NTSB preliminary report cites no cause for the second crash. # Managers at Taguan Air told investigators that Rash, who is not named in the NTSB report, was a new seasonal hire for the 2019 season. # He held a commercial pilot certificate with single-engine land, single-engine sea and instrument airplane ratings. # When he started Taguan orientation on April 22, he had accumulated more than 1,600 flight hours but just five in airplanes equipped with floats. He completed check rides in a float-equipped plane on May 3 and initial operation experience requirements on May 11. # The floatplane crashed on a scheduled flight while landing after a 22-mile (35-kilometer) flight from Ketchikan. # An airport near the crash site reported winds at 11.5 mph (18.5 kph), visibility of 10 miles (16 kilometers) and clear skies. # Three witnesses said the floatplane's approach to the harbor was normal. # Two said that just before the floats touched the water, the airplane's wings rocked left and then right. One witness said the right wing struck the water and the airplane flipped nose-first. # A witness from a fishing boat said he saw the right float " dig into the water " before the airplane nosed over. The right wing and right lift strut broke off and sank. They have not been recovered. # The cockpit and airplane cabin partially sank.

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