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F-22 aircraft missing

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska -- An Air Force F-22 assigned to the 3rd Wing at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, lost contact with air traffic control at 7:40 p.m. Alaska time yesterday while on a nighttime training mission.

A search is underway and is being coordinated by the Alaska Air National Guard Rescue Coordination Center. HH-60 helicopters and an HC-130 are combing an area northeast of Cantwell, Alaska, the last known location of the aircraft.

“Right now, our top priority is to try to bring the pilot home safely,” said Col. Jack McMullen, 3rd Wing commander. “We will continue to search until we find our pilot. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of this missing Airman.”

Per Department of Defense policy, the name of the pilot is being withheld until his condition is determined.

More information will be released as it becomes available.