

Date: November 2, 2022

From: Joshua Lindberg, NTSB Aviation Accident Investigator

Subject: ANC22LA067, N7087D

On August 8, 2022 at 1900 AKDT, A Piper PA18, N7087D, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Delta Junction, Alaska. The pilot was not injured. The accident occurred on a private bush strip "3 Finger Charley" on the Charley River (64 deg 34 min 28.9200 N -143 14 min 40.2600 W) about 70 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK.

The accident was discovered by Alaska Wildlife Trooper Arthur Cunnings who reported that he spoke to the pilot. The pilot told him that he was slipping the airplane into the strip, then came out of the slip and the airplane dropped suddenly. During the landing flare, the left wing stalled and impacted the ground which resulted in damage to the landing gear and propeller. The pilot attempted to takeoff, but the airplane veered hard left and went off the side runway about 30 yards. The airplane pointed about 180 deg from landing heading and the left wing sustained damage.

On August 18, 2022, the owner/pilot, Mr. Recknagel, stated to the NTSB IIC that he had a bad landing that damaged landing gear, propeller, front strut, left elevator and left wing. He replaced propeller and repaired landing gear then flew the airplane home with no ferry permit or any contact with the FAA. He was given a copy of the NTSB Accident Report Form 6120 and agreed to complete the form.

On October 13, 2022, Mr. Recknagel stated to the NTSB IIC that he had mailed in the 6120 and maintenance records, but did not remember which address he sent it to. He was now out of state and was waiting for his mail to be forwarded from his Alaska address. He agreed to update the NTSB once he checked his forwarded mail to see if the 6120 had been returned to sender.

On November 1, 2022, the NTSB IIC attempted to contact Mr. Recknagel via email and phone, and he has not responded as of this report date.

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