

INSPECTOR STATEMENT

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VIOLATOR NAME: Beckman, Jason

Narrative Statement:

4/4/2018 – Tony Will – heard of aircraft accident on the radio and ROC. He stopped at the accident site that evening to get preliminary information.

4/5/2018 – Tony Will and John Walberg went to accident site document scene and take photos. Initial indications are that pilot was not appropriately rated for the aircraft.

4/9/2018 @ 10:00 am – Inspector Christina Grabill and John Walberg called pilot of N2433Z. Mr. Jason Beckman indicated that he could not talk as he was attempting to find his wallet. He asked us to call back in an hour.

4/9/2018 @1100 am - – Inspector Christina Grabill and John Walberg contacted Mr. Beckman at the time specified. We asked Mr. Beckman to tell us what happened. Mr. Beckman indicated that he took off on a grass runway to the north and a gust of wind caught his aircraft and blew him into the tree. We asked Mr. Beckman how much time he has had in this type (make\model) of aircraft. He indicated he has about 3.5 hours of PIC time but that was 20 years ago in a Cessna\Beechcraft. Mr. Beckman indicated that he probably should have taken off on a normal hard surface runway. We asked Mr. Beckman if he held a pilot certificate of any kind (Student, Sport, and Private). He indicated he did not have a pilot certificate and that he was interested in 130 level aircraft. We believe that he meant to say 103 part aircraft. We asked Mr. Beckman about the weather. He indicated that he thought the wind was about 7-11 kts. He did not receive an official weather briefing.

Confirmed address:

Jason Beckman

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Lakeview, IA 51450

Email: ██████████

We indicated that Mr. Beckman to provide us a statement and that he would be receiving additional correspondence from this office.

4/9/2018 – Inspector Christina Grabill and John Walberg contacted Mr. Tony Morris. We asked if he had the log books for the aircraft. He indicated that asked for permission from Inspector Tony Will to retrieve the logbooks for safe keeping and that yes he had the original log books. Per inspector Tony Wills he as inspected the logbooks an aircraft appears to be in compliance with ELSA regulations. Photocopies are on file.

Asked Mr. Morris what knowledge he had regarding Mr. Beckman and his pilot qualifications. Mr. Morris indicated that he had posted his aircraft on social media sites and Mr. Beckman had communicated via text messages for about 2-3 weeks. Mr. Beckman had inquired about picking up the aircraft on 3/30 but Mr. Morris indicated that it was windy and it might be better to wait. Mr. Morris indicated he did not get into the details associated with his qualifications or piloting skills. Asked Mr. Morris to provide a written statement of accounts. E-mail sent to ██████████. He indicated that Ruth Williams also witnessed the event and he would ask her to also give a statement.

4/9/2018 @ 1300 – Per the police report Pam has a partial video of the event. It is our understanding that Pam has difficulty communicating as a result of a Laryngectomy. She has a friend Martin that helps with communication.

Reached out to Martin (not a valid number). Called Pam but her voice mail was full. Sent text message awaiting response.

Overview. 4/4/2018 @ 1700 local, Received notification of aircraft accident in Maxwell, IA. The ELSA airplane was sold to new owner Mr. Beckman minutes before the accident flight. Aircraft was substantially damaged on talk-off after right wing struck tree about 20 yards east and 50 yards north of the departure end of the grass runway. Aircraft came to rest approximately 50 yards from the tree. (See diagram) Pilot sustained minor injuries including a broken leg and ankle.

Aircraft; Insp Will confirmed flight control continuity. Indications were that the engine was producing power at the time of the accident. A demonstration flight by previous owner Tony Morris was conducted just prior to sale of aircraft and new owners accident

Pilot: Interview with pilot confirmed he did not have a pilot certificate as required by FAR 103. Pilot had not received any instruction in an aircraft in over 20 years. [REDACTED]

Inspector Name:
John G. Walberg

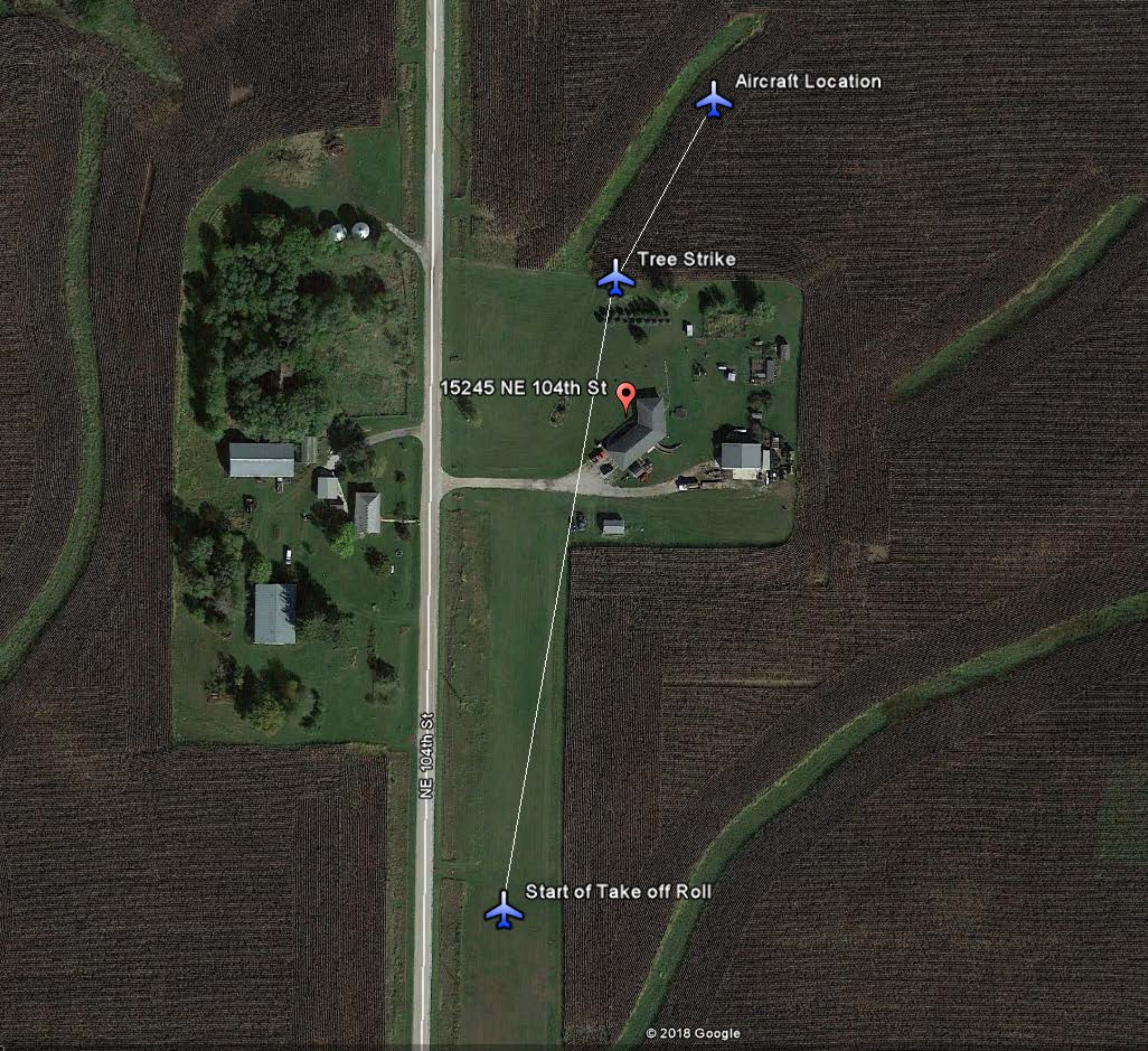
Work Address:

[REDACTED]
Ankeny, IA 50021

Work Phone: [REDACTED]

Signature:

Date:4/9/2018



Aircraft Location

Tree Strike

15245 NE 104th St

NE 104th St

Start of Take off Roll