

Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 12:22 PM
To: Scott Arnold [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: N1561Z - Frankfort, MI

I spoke to Sgt. Randy Parros of the Michigan State Police Marine Services Team. He has advised me that they have located the aircraft at approximately 540 feet below the surface of Lake Michigan. They have confirmed the tail number via pictures from an unmanned underwater vehicle. He also states that they have also located a body approximately 150 feet from the aircraft. He said that he would send me an email with all pertinent information as soon as possible. He also stated that he forgot to notify NSTB and FAA that they located the aircraft. He mentioned that the family wants to attempt to recover the aircraft and has contacted a company that says that they would be able to attempt recovery. I will forward you all information as it is received. If you have any questions or need more information you can call me at (616) 974-2519. I'll be in the office until 1530 EDT today.

Thanks,

Matt

Matthew Livingstone
Aviation Safety
Aviation Safety Inspector - Operations
Grand Rapids – FSDO

From: Parros, Randy (MSP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Livingstone, Matthew E (FAA) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: N1561Z

Matt,

My apologies with the delay in notification to you about locating the aircraft. We located the aircraft on May 22nd at approximately 1715 hours. The location of the aircraft is at 44 37.36830N, 086 19.82517W. It sits in approximately 540 feet of water. We used an ROV to go down to make observation of the aircraft and see if the occupants were still inside. The nose is slightly buried with the aircraft listing slightly to its port side. It appears mostly intact with the exception of the starboard side wing. The skin under the wing appeared torn away but otherwise it was in decent condition. All the windows were in place and the door was open. The occupants had appeared to have exited the plane prior to it sinking. We were also able to positively ID the aircraft by the tail number on the plane.

After conducting the ROV operation we turned to attempting to locate the occupants. On May 28, 2019, we identified a target of interest with our autonomous underwater vehicle. On May 29, 2019, at approximately 1950 hours, we recovered the passenger of the aircraft using an ROV. The person was later identified as Emanuel Manos of Monroe, MI. He was located in 523 feet of water at coordinates 44 37.3567N, 086 19.7951. This is approximately 150 feet southeast from the plane.

We are currently attempting to locate the pilot. Once that is completed or we have discontinued the search, I will collect AUV sonar data and ROV video data for you and mail it.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have any additional questions. As we discussed over the phone the family was talking about salvaging the aircraft. Also, I have been sent information from TowBoat US

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From: Jerard E. Delaney II [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2019 2:53 PM
To: Scott Arnold [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Beech V35, N1561Z

The airplane was based at Howell airport (KOZW). That is where the flight instructor/mechanic who is also on board lived. I do not have a way of verifying fuel purchased at Monroe based on tail number. It is my understanding, however, from talking to people at the airport that no fuel was added in Monroe. If the flight was conducted as it had been several times in the past the flight instructor/mechanic topped off in Howell, flew down to Monroe to pick up the owner, and then proceeded up north. Hope this helps.