

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

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Investigation of:

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COLLISION OF TWO PLANES AT THE
SAN MARCOS REGIONAL AIRPORT
ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

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Accident No.: CEN20LA419

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CTAF Communications
San Marcos, Texas

Thursday,
September 24, 2020

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U/M = Unidentified Male
U/F = Unidentified Female

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0:00:00 U/M: 126.82 Pilot control lighting is available on
126.82. For further information, contact
(indiscernible) approach control on 119.0, 118.15. Good
night, y'all.

0:00:11 U/M: Night.

0:00:15 U/M: Have a nice night, buddy.

0:00:17 U/M: Thanks.

0:00:49 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 6318 Lima entering
the right downwind Runway 8. San Marcos Traffic.

0:01:00 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 4 Lima Uniform turning
left face, following traffic in sight for touch-and-go
on Runway 8. San Marcos Traffic.

0:01:13 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 7716 Uniform
short final Runway 8. We will be stop-and-go. San
Marcos.

0:01:50 U/M: 1 Victor Kilo on a left downwind runway 8,
touch-and-go. San Marcos Traffic.

0:01:57 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 2 November Delta entering the
right downwind for 8, behind 18 Lima. San Marcos.

0:02:06 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 4 Lima Uniform. Just turned
onto our final for Runway 8 for a touch-and-go. 4 Lima
Uniform. San Marcos Traffic.

0:02:37 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 7716 Uniform just
off 8. I'm going to be making a left post traffic, and

1 this time around will be full stop. San Marcos.
2 0:03:18 U/M: San Marcos Traffic Tower. Skyhawk 6318 Lima
3 turning final, Runway 8. San Marcos Traffic.
4 0:03:28 U/M: San Marcos Traffic Skyhawk 1 Victor Kilo,
5 turning left face, Runway 8, traffic that's just
6 turned on final in sight. San Marcos Traffic.
7 0:03:38 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 7716 Uniform left
8 downwind at Runway 8, full stop. San Marcos.
9 0:03:59 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 30 Lima Uniform, 5
10 miles to the northeast, going to enter the left
11 downwind at a 45 for touch-and-go. San Marcos Traffic.
12 0:04:10 U/M: -- Lima Uniform (indiscernible), turning left,
13 traffic pattern 34 Uniform. San Marcos Traffic.
14 0:04:20 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 2 November Delta turning
15 right face. San Marcos Traffic.
16 0:04:28 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 7716 Uniform, left
17 downwind Runway 8. I believe I'll be number two at this
18 point. San Marcos.
19 0:04:37 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 1 Victor Kilo is on
20 about a mile final for Runway 8, touch-and-go. San
21 Marcos.
22 0:05:04 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 7716 Uniform turning
23 left face, full stop, Runway 8. San Marcos.
24 0:05:10 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 2 November Delta turning
25 final Runway 8 touch-and-go. San Marcos.

1 0:05:28 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 6318 Lima on the go
2 Runway 8. I will be making left traffic. San Marcos
3 Traffic.
4 0:05:37 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 30 Lima Uniform on a
5 45 (audio distortion) downwind for -- left downwind for
6 Runway 8 touch-and-go, and I have the person on
7 crosswind in sight.
8 0:05:55 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 4 Lima Uniform turning onto
9 our left downwind for a touch-and-go on Runway 8. San
10 Marcos Traffic.
11 0:06:19 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 6318 Lima. We'll
12 extend our upwind for that traffic on the 45. San
13 Marcos Traffic.
14 0:06:26 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 30 Lima Uniform. We have
15 you on the upwind. San Marcos.
16 0:06:55 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 30 Lima Uniform. On downwind
17 for Runway 08 touch-and-go. San Marcos.
18 0:07:02 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 512 November Delta
19 going around.
20 0:07:19 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 6318 Lima turning
21 left downwind Runway 8. San Marcos Traffic.
22 0:07:39 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 1 Victor Kilo,
23 left crosswind, Runway 8, touch-and-go. San Marcos.
24 0:07:45 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 4 Lima Uniform turning onto
25 left downwind for touch-and-go on Runway 8.

1 0:07:51 U/F: Left face Runway 8. San Marcos.
2 0:08:07 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 7716 Uniform clear
3 Runway 8 on Bravo. Taxi to park. San Marcos.
4 0:08:15 U/F: San Marcos Traffic. 34 Lima Uniform final for
5 Runway 8 touch-and-go. San Marcos.
6 0:08:23 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 2 November Delta, turning
7 left crosswind 8. San Marcos.
8 0:08:31 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 30 Lima Uniform
9 turning face for Runway 08 touch-and-go. San Marcos.
10 0:08:40 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 1 Victor Kilo left
11 downwind of Runway 8. San Marcos.
12 0:08:46 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 8 Victor Kilo 6½ due to the
13 east centered in a left downwind from Runway 8. San
14 Marcos.
15 0:09:21 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 2 November Delta
16 turning downwind Runway 8. 2 November Delta. San
17 Marcos Traffic.
18 0:09:30 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 30 Lima Uniform on
19 final for Runway 08 touch-and-go. San Marcos.
20 0:09:51 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Rocket 540 Lima Kilo
21 3 miles to left 45, Runway 8, descending out of 4,000.
22 0:10:08 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 6318 Lima, left face,
23 Runway 8. San Marcos Traffic. Full stop.
24 0:10:20 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 8 Victor Kilo, 4½ to the east
25 centered in the left downwind Runway 8. San Marcos.

1 0:10:31 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 2 November Delta left
2 downwind midfield 8. San Marcos.
3 0:11:02 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 30 Lima Uniform
4 upwind for Runway 08, touch-and-go. San Marcos.
5 0:11:14 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 4 Lima Uniform turning onto
6 left downwind for touch-and-go on Runway 8. San Marcos
7 Traffic.
8 0:11:23 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 6318 Lima turning final
9 Runway 8, full stop. San Marcos Traffic.
10 0:11:28 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 540 Lima Kilo left 45
11 Runway 8, following the Cessna.
12 0:11:38 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 1 Victor Kilo left
13 face over Bobcat Stadium, touch-and-go, Runway 8.
14 Lockhart -- or San Marcos.
15 0:11:47 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Sign 8 Victor Kilo is left
16 downwind, Runway 8 for full stop. San Marcos.
17 0:11:52 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. We have that 8 Victor Kilo in
18 sight. We'll fall in behind you for left.
19 0:12:01 U/M: San Marcos. 540 Lima Kilo is number two left
20 downwind.
21 0:12:14 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 4 Lima Uniform. We're going
22 to go ahead and extend our downwind for you all, give
23 you all as much space as you need. San Marcos Traffic.
24 0:12:29 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 2 November Delta turning left
25 face for 8, and we are also over the stadium. San

1 Marcos.

2 0:12:39 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 1 Victor Kilo,
3 about a mile and a half final, number 2 for Runway 8,
4 touch-and-go. San Marcos.

5 0:12:47 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 810 (indiscernible).

6 0:12:58 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 30 Lima Uniform turning
7 downwind for Runway 08 touch-and-go. San Marcos.

8 0:13:24 U/M: San Marcos. 0 Lima Kilo will make a right 360 for
9 spacing.

10 0:13:38 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 2 November Delta. 2½ mile
11 final, Runway 8. San Marcos.

12 0:13:47 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 4 Lima Uniform turning left
13 face over Bobcat Stadium for full stop on Runway 8.
14 San Marcos Traffic.

15 0:14:01 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 30 Lima Uniform. Downwind
16 midfield for Runway 08, touch-and-go. San Marcos.

17 0:14:09 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 0 Lima Kilo. Make a right
18 360 on left downwind -- running the left downwind now.

19 0:14:17 U/M: For Runway 8 full stop. San Marcos.

20 0:14:21 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 6318 Lima (indiscernible).
21 Runway 8 on Bravo (indiscernible) the coast. San Marcos
22 Traffic.

23 0:14:27 U/M: Everybody's flying to San Marcos.

24 0:14:35 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 4 Lima Uniform turning onto
25 left final for full stop on Runway 8. San Marcos

1 Traffic.

2 0:14:44 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Helicopter 442 Papa Romeo is
3 heading to the north, position southwest, positioning 2
4 miles off the field to look for traffic. San Marcos.

5 0:14:59 U/M: Aircraft that did the right 360 on the downwind,
6 have you rejoined?

7 0:15:05 U/M: Yeah. We're right about to turn left face,
8 but I see a Cessna right below me.

9 0:15:16 U/M: All right, that might be us. We're over the
10 stadium turning a left face for (indiscernible) Kilo.

11 0:15:27 U/M: 0 Lima Kilo. We'll extend a little bit, and then
12 we'll rejoin on the final.

13 0:15:32 U/M: Okay. We see you up there over the stadium.

14 0:15:41 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 4 Lima Uniform short final
15 on Runway 8.

16 0:15:52 U/M: 30 Lima Uniform. We're going to go ahead and
17 extend our downwind to let the other plane in.

18 0:16:06 U/M: Delta Uniform 12. You going to pattern or
19 leaving?

20 0:16:15 U/M: San Marcos. 540 Lima Kilo. It's over 35 inbound
21 for landing on final for Runway 8.

22 0:16:23 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Sign 8 Victor Kilo. 2 mile
23 final, Runway 8. San Marcos.

24 0:16:43 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 626 -- Cessna 626. We're 3
25 miles away. We're looking to join a 45 on the downwind

1 for 8 to get into pattern for a full stop.
2 0:16:55 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 30 Lima Uniform
3 making a left face over campus for Runway 08 touch-and-
4 go. San Marcos Traffic.
5 0:17:05 U/M: 0 Lima Kilo is about 1 mile final for Runway 8.
6 0:17:10 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 810 (indiscernible) pattern
7 to the east. San Marcos Traffic.
8 0:17:15 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 8 Victor Kilo is on 0.8 for
9 Runway 8. San Marcos.
10 0:17:22 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Helicopter (indiscernible).
11 0:17:28 U/M: 13,100 up to 3,500. San Marcos.
12 0:17:33 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 30 Lima Uniform
13 is on a long final over 35 for 08. San Marcos Traffic.
14 0:17:42 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 4 Lima Uniform clear of
15 Runway 8 on Bravo, going to taxi on Alpha back to
16 coast. San Marcos Traffic.
17 0:17:50 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. This is Cessna 626. We are
18 on the downwind for Runway 8 joining the pattern.
19 0:18:05 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. (Indiscernible) November
20 Delta, left downwind, Runway 8. San Marcos Traffic.
21 0:18:11 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. There is a plane that just
22 crashed on a short final right on the road. San Marcos
23 Traffic.
24 0:18:18 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Which road?
25 0:18:20 U/M: The road right at the approach end of Runway 8.

1 0:18:24 U/M: All right, guys. (Indiscernible) the
2 helicopter coming in. Is somebody on emergency?
3 0:18:33 U/F: San Marcos Traffic. Yeah. There was a crash at
4 the end of Runway 8. I don't think it's landable right
5 now. San Marcos.
6 0:18:46 U/M: Oh, gosh, yeah. It's on fire.
7 0:19:02 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. 30 Lima Uniform. We're going
8 around. We're going to be setting up -- I think it
9 would be best if we side-stepped over to 13 because 08
10 is kind of undoable right now.
11 0:19:17 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 1 Victor Kilo is left
12 face for 08. We are going to overfly the runway, and we
13 agree we'll probably set up for 13. San Marcos Traffic.
14 0:19:29 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. (Indiscernible) 626. We
15 are -- we're going to set up for the downwind -- join
16 the downwind of 13, full stop.
17 0:19:47 U/M: San Marcos Traffic. Skyhawk 1 Victor Kilo is in a
18 left downwind -- we're flying parallel to 13. We're
19 going to circle around and enter a left downwind on the
20 departure end at 13. San Marcos.
21 0:20:00 (End of transcription.)
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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the attached proceeding before the

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