



## **CASE FINDINGS**

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The initial accident information was collected by the Central Region Duty Officer. He provided the following:

- The accident occurred on June 1, 2021 about 1900 central daylight time.
- The airplane is N3281P, a Quad City Challenger II airplane.
  - The FAA confirms that this airplane does not meet ultralight requirements
- Inspectors from the FAA responded to the accident site and documented the site and the associated wreckage.
- The FAA reported that during the takeoff, the aircraft impacted trees, and it came to rest onto a private driveway.
- It appears the aircraft was not able to produce adequate speed/lift during the takeoff, for unknown reasons, and then impacted trees.
- There was only 1 person on board and he reported no injuries.
- Substantial damage was found to the fuselage and wings.
- Within a few flight hours prior to the accident, the pilot installed a different engine and a different propeller with the reported assistance of the airplane's original builder.
- Talking with the pilot, the FAA inspectors determined that the airplane's Airworthiness certificate was invalid and the pilot was not a certificated pilot.
- In addition, a review of paperwork on file with the FAA found that the airplane's registration was cancelled on March 20, 2020, due to the new owner's failure to return appropriate documentations to the FAA.

During the course of the investigation, the pilot did not cooperate with the investigation and further information could not be obtained.

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