

National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety

Denver, CO 80239



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AUTOPSY REPORT SUMMARY

ACCIDENT

Location: Marengo, Wisconsin
Date: October 23, 2021
Time: 1440 central daylight time (1940 UTC)
Airplane: American Champion Aircraft model 8KCAB, Registration No. N843AC

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An autopsy of the pilot was completed at the request of the Dane County Medical Examiner, McFarland, Wisconsin. The autopsy report was reviewed by a NTSB Medical Officer and the NTSB Investigator-In-Charge. According to the autopsy report, the pilot died as result of blunt force injuries. From histology sections of the myocardium, the medical examiner reported the pilot had acute myocarditis of probable viral etiology; his postmortem nasopharyngeal swab sample was positive for SARS-CoV-2 RNA (the virus that causes COVID-19 disease). No other significant natural disease was identified. Toxicology testing performed for the medical examiner's office was positive for caffeine in the pilot's pleural blood.