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Following the accident involving N744Z on December 10, 2021, the Federal Aviation Administration conducted a review of the air traffic control (ATC) services rendered to the pilot. During the review, the following information was discussed:

About 25 minutes prior to the accident, N744Z was en route to SBS at 25,000 ft, and established communication with ATC. The pilot reported they had the current weather and requested the approach over the initial fix HABRO. About ten minutes after initial contact with N744Z, the controller cleared N744Z for the RNAV E approach, cross HABRO at or above 12,000 ft. About five minutes later the controller instructed N744Z to change to advisory frequency and to cancel their IFR on the appropriate frequency or on the ground. N744Z was about one mile south of SBS at 8,300 feet when they made a 180 degree turn. Two minutes later the data block dropped from the radar display, last indicating 8,300 feet over the Robert VOR/DME. One and half minutes later the controller attempted to contact N744Z, with no response. ATC received no further communications from the pilot of N744Z.

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