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Subject: CEN22LA330

Contact: DeKalb County Sheriff's Office
Case #2023-02014

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office responded to the accident site on July 27, 2023, in Cortland, Illinois, with N30632 (Cessna 177B airplane). The Cortland Police Department, the Cortland Fire Department, and the Federal Aviation Administration also responded to the accident site. The accident site considered of a corn field.

The pilot (Drew Meyer) and the passenger (Bennett Hatfield) were transported by first responders to a hospital. The pilot was conscious at the hospital, and he was able to speak. The passenger was unable to speak at the time. The pilot reported that him and the passenger were flying from Evansville, Indiana, to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The purpose of the cross-country trip was for personal reasons, to go golfing.

The pilot reported that the airplane was stopping at the DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport in DeKalb, Illinois, to refuel. The pilot further reported that about one mile from the airport, the airplane ran out of fuel.

Nothing Follows