



Federal Aviation Administration Inspector's Report

From: Bruce Thornton

Date: 01/09/2024

Re: N8729P Accident

Overview: N8729P Accident at Anthony Municipal Airport

On Scene Investigation: Upon arrival took pictures and spoke with the pilot about what transpired the evening of the accident.

In-Office Investigation:

Spoke with John M. Brannen II
Senior Air Safety Investigator
National Transportation Safety Board
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Conclusion:

On December 13, 2023, I arrived on the scene of the accident, I started evaluating the site and took pictures of the aircraft and surrounding area. Talking with the pilot, he stated that he did not have electrical power for internal and external lighting. Pilot stated that the amp meter did not show a charge during this sequence of events. Pilot stated he came in for landing and believed his gear was down and locked. During the landing his propeller struck the runway, he performed a go around. During the go around, trying to get back to the runway, he manually cranked the gear down. In the process the aircraft struck a high line and broke one of the wires and lost significantly amount of power. Shortly after doing this the aircraft contacted the ground short of the runway and crashed slamming into several hay bales in the field. Upon investigation, the alternator was not supplying any charge to the battery, and this is what caused the battery to go dead, causing the loss of lighting and the ability to know if the gear was down and locked.

Attachments: