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Subject: N8515G, AT-802

Contact: Danny Brickey, LIT FSDO

FAA Inspector Danny Brickey responded to the accident and took photographs of the site. He noted that a guy wire to a tower had been struck by the airplane which had downed the tower.

Danny Brickey was able to contact the accident pilot who told him that the accident was pilot error. The pilot stated to Brickey that he was aware of the tower and was nearing the end of his application and had pulled up to climb over the tower when he looked down to check his spray controls. When the pilot looked back up he saw the guy wire and the airplane collided with the wire and he lost control of the airplane. The airplane began to spiral, and he impacted terrain. This was the pilot's 4th spray pass and he was aware of the tower.

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