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On March 21, 2026, at approximately 11:22 AM, a Piper Comanche (Tail Number N7549P), piloted by [REDACTED] (one of three owners), with two additional occupants onboard, initiated a departure from Runway 3 at Madison Regional Airport.

Based on a review of airport security camera footage, the aircraft began its takeoff roll and rotated. Shortly after rotation, the aircraft did not appear to achieve sustained climb. The left wing dropped, and the aircraft deviated from the runway heading.

The aircraft continued beyond the runway environment into the field located just behind the west windsock, passing near the segmented circle, before impacting a drainage ditch. The aircraft then came to rest in the field on the far side of the ditch.

Airport tenants observed the aircraft come to rest and notified airport management. Assistant Airport Director [REDACTED] responded immediately, along with nearby tenants and a mechanic. Upon arrival, all occupants were conscious but slow to respond. [REDACTED] contacted central dispatch for EMS and notified Airport Director [REDACTED].

While foot traffic was crossing the runway to access the site, [REDACTED] issued a NOTAM closing the runway and coordinated with Louisville TRACON to advise of the closure. During this time, [REDACTED] and other trained volunteers monitored CTAF to maintain situational awareness and advise inbound or departing aircraft of the closure.

Initial assessment by responders indicated no visible fuel leaks or fire. All occupants exited the aircraft without assistance and were transported to the Madison Regional Airport Terminal Building. They were evaluated on-site by KDH EMS, Madison Police Department, and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. All three occupants were released with no reported injuries.

The airport was subsequently contacted by the other two aircraft owners. Owner [REDACTED] See notified the FAA Regional Operations Center and the aircraft's insurance provider. A conference call was conducted between the NTSB, FAA, [REDACTED], and Airport Director [REDACTED]. Photographs of the aircraft were provided, and authorization was granted to relocate the aircraft.

The aircraft sustained damage to the landing gear, wings, and propeller, which appeared consistent with impact forces from contact with the drainage ditch.

Recovery operations were led by an on-field aircraft maintenance company with assistance from airport personnel. Airport equipment (tractor) was utilized during the recovery. The aircraft was lifted from the ditch and transported to the Madison Regional Airport Corporate Hangar.

Although the aircraft is based at the airport, it was not returned to the owner's hangar due to height clearance limitations of the hangar door following recovery. The Corporate Hangar was selected to accommodate the aircraft in its recovered condition. The aircraft is currently stored pending further evaluation by appropriate authorities.

Please let me know if you need anything further!


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