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RE: Aircraft mishap at Tullahoma Municipal Airport (KTHA) on 10-3-2011

As I watched the aircraft climb, I noted that the aircraft nose continued to rise in a very nose high attitude, and the relative motion over the ground appeared to slow considerably. As I watched the aircraft, I remarked to myself that if the pilot didn't lower his nose, he was going to stall. Very shortly afterwards, the aircraft appeared to start a very steep nose-high turn to the left, and then apparently stalled, fell off on the left wing from 150-200 feet AGL and impacted the hard surface of runway 36 in nearly a 90 degree nose-down attitude.

Approximate time from the crash until initial emergency response personnel arrived on scene was less than 10 minutes. The crash site was then secured by Tullahoma Fire Department personnel and the airport manager, Jon Glass.

Once the crash scene was secure for the night, I departed after confirming that our airport was NOTAM'd closed and that all runway lights and rotating beacon had been turned off for the night pending NTSB arrival tomorrow morning.

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