



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum - Inspector Statement

Date: November 27, 2016
To: Assistant Manager: Mr. Strickland
From: ASI: David A. Detscher
Subject: N396DF Report

On Saturday September 10, 2016, Inspector David Detscher was summoned by the ROCK, of an aircraft incident for aircraft N396DF, located at a residence at 4789 Highway East, Cleveland, GA 30528. I arrived at 3pm and was met by home owner Mr. Swing. Mr. Swing escorted me to the scene in his back yard where I met with local law enforcement White County Sheriff Deputy Williamson, who had the aircraft roped off,

Upon arriving to the scene I first witnessed N396DF, A Quicksilver Sport 2S, aircraft resting nose down between thickets of trees.

The aircraft is estimated to be traveling in an Eastern direction on impact. I evaluated that the aircraft traveled approximately 0 feet forward travel, aircraft nosed straight down approx. 40 feet between tall trees shearing off branches which slowed the aircraft down.

The engine was not running when going through trees or on impact and there was fuel on board.

Evaluation of the aircraft showed no visible evidence of fuel leakage; power was still on when I arrived.

I was speaking to Deputy Williams and he reported the aircraft had crashed the day before, 09/09/16, It was reported the next day by the homeowner Mr. Swing who noticed it in his backyard. The Pilot showed up and reaffirmed the crash happened on 09/09/16, he stated his passenger Mr. Shannon, sustained minor injuries and was seeking medical attention.

The Pilot, Mr. Henry Van Ginkle, stated the following:

My self (pilot) and a friend were on a pleasure flight around White County. Aircraft was running well and weather was good. Approx. 20 minutes into the flight while demonstrating turns over woods the aircraft lurched and suddenly lost lift. I don't remember much after that. We ended up in heavy woods and blackberries. Damage to the aircraft was very extensive. Inspection of the aircraft for control loss was inclusive as control rods, cables, and surfaces where heavily damaged.

Photos, statements and reports are on file with ASI Detscher.

David Detscher

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