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Aircraft: N5295Y
Pilot: Mark Repanshek

On 10/10/2015 at 2242 I received a phone call from Mark Repanshek Jr. On initial call up he had indicated that he wanted to call me to apologize about the accident that took place earlier that day. Once pleasantries were done we began to discuss the events that led up to the accident. Below is a list of events that were given to me by the pilot:

- Received aircraft from Air America Flight Center brought one passenger named Jeffrey Luong
- Picked up Jarrett Bruckner at ATP
- Their intent was to "drop boxes" south of lake crescent at a campsite managed by St. Johns Water Management
- Mark said that he was aware that dropping anything from an Air America Flight Center aircraft was against our rental agreement
- They coordinated with people on the ground to ensure they stay out of the way
- They had a person to take pictures on board as well
- After departing DAB airspace, they descended to 300-600 feet and configured the aircraft to 20 degrees of flaps and slowed to 75kts
- After dropping several boxes they were on their final box when the pilot encountered a down draft and lost altitude
- After the initial loss of altitude (350 feet) the pilot recognized what was happening and went full power and deployed full flaps at approximately 200 feet
- In the final moments once he realized an impact was imminent he attempted to line up the aircraft with a trail to avoid the trees.
- The aircraft then crashed
- The time frame that this all happened in was 7-8 seconds
- Post-accident they evacuated the aircraft
- Post-accident rain began to fall