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Daniel,

At approximately 1400 local on 3/12/2017, I received a telephone call from the FAA Regional Operations Center. I was informed of an accident that had occurred at TPF, Peter O. Knight airport. The operations officer connected me to a police officer that was with the pilot. I spoke to the pilot in command on the telephone. The pilot stated that after takeoff from runway 5 at TPF, at 200 agl or below, he experience a reduction in engine power. The pilot stated that he made a left turn to crosswind, was unable to maintain altitude and landed in the water.

The pilot said that he flew from X26 (Sebastian, FL) to TPF on Friday (3/10/2017). He had had at least 8 hours of rest prior to starting his return flight on 3/12/2017. No additional fuel was required for the return trip. The pilot said that preflight and run up appeared normal. He was the only occupant and received minor scratches on his left arm. This was thought to be from exiting the aircraft.

The aircraft flipped over in the water after the landing gear came in contact with the water. The pilot is not sure if he exited through the windshield or the door.

On 3/13/2017, I responded to TPF to inspect the aircraft. The following damage was noted: Front cowling, right windshield broken out, left wing detached, right wing leading edge damage, right main landing gear appeared damaged.

A witness stated that he did not see the aircraft when it went into the water, but did see the aircraft when it took off, heard power loss and saw the aircraft go out of sight. The witness went around to see what happened and saw that the aircraft was in the water.

Thanks,

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