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Inspectors Statement/Accident Investigation

Registration: N564SC
Make: 2015 Czech Sport Aircraft AS
Model: Sport Cruiser
Serial Number: C0524
PTRS: 201904728
ATQA No.: ASO1919015
NTSB No.:

When: December 22, 2018

Where: Aircraft crashed on the property of: 3299 32nd Avenue, Naples Florida/ 26°10'21N,
81°32'38W

What: Part 91 Operator, operating 2015 Czech Sport Aircraft AS, Sport Cruiser N564SC, serial number C0524 was at 2500 feet with two pilots on board stuck by a large bird under the engine cowling area of the aircraft. The engine stopped running pilot attempted to land on a road crashing into trees along side of the road. Left seat pilot due to crash sustained serious injuries and other pilot minor injuries. Aircraft destroyed by crash. Pilot with serious injuries died January 23, 2019.

Who:

PIC Pilot:

Stony Grey Stafford
[REDACTED]

West Park, FL 33023

Certificate No. [REDACTED]

Third Class Medical Date of Examination: 03/05/2018

SIC Pilot:

Richard Marc Levinson
[REDACTED]

Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

Certificate No. [REDACTED]

Third Class Medical Date of Examination: 01/10/2018

E-mail Statement from Mr. Levinson:

Dear Mr. Garcia,

Pursuant to your request below please find my statement concerning the accident on the above registered aircraft.

On December 22, 2018 at approximately 1:15 P.M. after taking on 6 gallons of fuel for a total of 20 gallons on board, Stony Stafford as PIC and I departed Runway 5 from KAPF. We proceeded VFR at 2500ft AGL. Approximately 25 miles east of KAPF we were struck by a large bird. The engine continued to run without vibration for about two minutes. Simultaneously a low fuel warning indicator came on and the engine stopped. We assumed best glide, turned on the electric fuel pump and attempted to restart the engine. We squawked 7700 and contacted the Tower at KAPF and declared an emergency. KMKY was the closest air field. It was not an option. The tower advised us that there was a field approximately 3.5 miles north west of our location. We turned north to look and with altitude eroding a long straight road was selected and the off field landing was attempted. Please let me know if I may be of any further assistance.

Richard Levinson

Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

Aircraft Crash Summary:

Aircraft attempted to land on a street with homes and multiple large trees. Aircraft impact stop sign first, second wooden post 4 x 4 and third 2 large trees. After impact with tress, aircraft swung 180 degrees with empennage impact another tree coming to rest on a fence. Engine torn from aircraft on impact with two large trees. Engine firewall and cockpit instrument panel sustained significate damage torn from aircraft. Right wing sustained significate damage with impact with tress and wooden post. Left wing damaged with impact with stop sign. Aircraft canopy with multiple holes and cracks.

Inspection of nose wheel faring underside of engine cowling found dried blood from large bird impact. Blood stream and direction of flow indicates impact occurred at high rate of speed. Bird tissue found logged in and around nose wheel faring hardware and nose wheel strut.

Inspection of engine found significate damage when aircraft engine impact trees. Propeller sheared from engine but no damage to any of the blades. Engine was not running. Examination of carburetor found proper mechanical operation with butterfly opening and closing with fuel leaking, carburetor showed no signs exterior damage. Damage to engine underside difficult to determine exactly was item or items damaged by impact with bird strike causing aircraft engine to stop operating.

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