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FAA Inspector Statement

On February 2, 2019 at about 1700, I was contacted by the ROC, I called Marion County Deputy Redman [REDACTED], and He stated a fatal accident occurred at 16:25 at the Jumbolair airport (17FL). Deputy Redman put the owner (Roy Elto Taylor [REDACTED]) on the phone and he stated that his Airborne Windsports Edge X 2 seat Experimental weight shift Light sport (S/N 582-914) had crashed. He further stated that he told his friend Terrish "Troy" Price (DOB [REDACTED]) he could taxi his aircraft and stepped away for a few minutes (rest room). When he came back, he observed his friend on runway 36 taking off in his airplane and noted the engine was at full power climbing out and then the wings were observed "wagging" and he lost control, crashing (about 300') west of the runway in the grass, about 2000' from the end of the runway.

I set an appointment to meet him at 11:00 am February 3 to inspect the aircraft, review the logbooks and get his statement.

About 19:30, Officer Redman called me and stated that Mr. Taylor and been "Baker acted" and would be in the hospital for a while. He further stated that the owner told him that he did not know where the aircraft log books were.

On February 3, 2019, I traveled to the accident site and arrived at 11:00 am. The aircraft wreckage was aligned at about a 330 magnetic heading. The fuselage was on its side with the nose crushed up to about the engine area. The right wing was broken in half mid span and the left wing was intact.

The contents of the recording tachometer meter was found in the grass with an indication of 185.6 hours.

The BRS parachute was found partially deployed with the parachute mostly in the container. The parachute cap was found lying on the ground near the parachute container.

While at the accident aircraft, a friend Albert Krouss [REDACTED] of the owner came by and stated that the owner had been training Mr. Troy Price for about a year. He showed me a video from Mr. Taylors Facebook page of the aircraft taxiing south on the runway with him saying "This is Troy's first solo and he was probably nervous about right now, etc. The Face Book video indicated that it was 20 hours old.

This contradicts what Mr. Taylor stated the day before.

Mr. Taylor could not be located in the system and may not have a Light Sport pilot or Flight Instructors certificate. Mr. Price could not be located in our system. The FAA Aircraft Registry indicates the aircraft is not registered to Mr. Taylor. It is currently registered to Michael L Sanders ([REDACTED]) in Pisgah AL.

Sincerely,

Gerald P. Lietzke
Aviation Safety Inspector
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