

RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION
AERONAUTICS INSPECTORS REPORT

FILE NUMBER: 09-21-27 July 21
DATE OF REPORT: July 28, 2021
DATE OF INCIDENT: July 27, 2021
TIME OF INCIDENT: 1950 Hrs Lcl.
INCIDENT LOCATION: Block Island State Airport (KBID)
INCIDENT AIRCRAFT: N110CG, Mooney M20K
RESPONDING INSPECTOR: Jim Warcup

NARRATIVE:

On Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at approximately 1950, I was contacted by the FAA Operation's Center in Atlanta concerning a mishap that had just occurred in BID. Only information provided was that an aircraft had ended up on Center Rd off the departure end of runway 28 at KBID. I immediately contacted the BID airport attendant, Andy Transue. Andy was on site and assessing the situation. I had also been contacted by the New Shoreham Police department and Volunteer Fire Department. Initial information was an aircraft had aborted his takeoff on runway 28 and was unable to stop before hitting the perimeter fence and coming to rest on Center Rd. No injuries were reported but the aircraft had significant damage. Contact was made with the Boston FSDO Inspector Craig Jolliffe. My intent was to inspect the mishap site the following morning.

The aircraft was operated by the PIC/Owner Russell Knight of East Greenwich RI. Mr. Knight and his wife, along with two dogs, had flown to KBID earlier in the day from KOQU. They were in the process of departing from BID for a flight back to KOQU when the mishap occurred. Mr. Knight stated that he had applied power and was just about at rotation speed when his wife commented that the baggage door had just opened. Mr. Knight stated that he was concerned that one or both of his dogs would be in danger of falling out of the aircraft if he had continued airborne. Mr. Knight elected to abort his take off run by reducing power and applying both brakes. He realized that he was running out of available pavement and went into the safety area at the end of the runway. He continued into our safety area and eventually made contact with the perimeter fence. Mr. Knight maintained control of his aircraft the entire time. The aircraft came to rest on the west side of Center Rd against the guardrail. All occupants disembarked the aircraft and waited for EMS. A neighbor witnessed the event and called 911. The aircraft sustained moderate damage to both wings along with a sudden stoppage of the propeller. The aircraft remained upright with the landing gear extended. The cockpit was intact and not deformed. I estimate the contact with the chain link perimeter fence and guardrail was only moderately violent.

I arrived the following morning and obtained several photos. The aircraft was removed from the fence line and repositioned to the grass tie down area on KBID.

Russell Knight [REDACTED] 4700 total hours, 12 hours in type. 1st Class Medical and holds an ATP
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