



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: NTSB investigation ERA22LA267, N78755, Cessna 172K, June 13, 2022, Bluffton, Ohio.

Information provided by FAA Inspector

On June 15, 2022, Mr. David Schluep, FAA Inspector from the Columbus, Ohio, Flight Standards District Office, provided the following information via telephone.

Initial reports on the pilot's injuries included fractures to an elbow and ankle, facial lacerations, and bruised ribs.

The airplane came to rest inverted, about 75-100 yards left of runway 23, about midfield. The airplane sustained substantial damage to the lower forward fuselage, the empennage, and left wing. No witnesses to the accident were identified, however an airport security camera may have captured a portion of the flight.

Mr. Schluep was unable to confirm flight control continuity due to the damage to the airplane. The flaps appeared to be in or near the 40° position, the flap indicator needle in the cockpit was missing. The throttle and mixture controls were found at or near their full forward position, the carburetor heat control was near the fully out (heat on) position.

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