



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Air Safety Investigator
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Date: 06/27/2023

Subject: Information Provided by Vernon Owens (KCWV Airport Manager)

NTSB Case Number: ERA23FA274

According to Mr. Owens,

When the pilots of N7240Y attempted to refuel the airplane at Claxton – Evans County Airport (KCWV), they, were only able to get about 3/4 of a gallon of fuel into the airplane as the fuel pump broke and would not pump anymore fuel.



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Subject: Information Provided by Judy Bland (Witness)
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According to Ms. Bland,

On Sunday June 25, 2023, she witnessed a small plane flying over I-16, going towards Claxton, Georgia. It had smoke coming out the back...She heard later that an airplane went down.



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Date: 06/29/2023

Subject: Information Provided by Bill North (Assistant Chief Flight Instructor)
NTSB Case Number: ERA23FA274

According to Mr. North,

The accident airplane had been recently added to the Part 141 certificate.

He was the assistant chief flight instructor for the flight school's (Midcoast Aviation Services) Hinesville, Georgia location and was not an instructor for the 14 CFR Part 141 portion of the flight school.

Mr. Dement who was fatally injured in the accident had been the assistant chief flight instructor for the flight school's Reidsville, Georgia location. He was their multiengine instructor but had drifted away for a while, so Mr. Smith who was the owner and chief flight instructor of the flight school had taken over the multi engine instruction He also was fatally injured in the accident.

The FAA principal operations inspector for the flight school's Part 141 certificate, (Inspector Al Vanlenten) was going to do a proficiency check on Monday, which is why Mr. Dement was giving instruction to Mr. Smith on the Sunday that the accident occurred as they were practicing for the proficiency check.

Mr. Hodges who owned the airplane was also fatally injured. He was onboard to familiarize himself with operating the airplane and was sitting in the back of the airplane.

At Reidsville, the airport had installed a new set of fuel tanks, and the fuel cards in the airplanes did not work with the new fuel pumps. So, they were going to get fuel at Claxton but, the fuel cards would not work in Claxton either. Mr. North further stated that "I don't know what the thought process was."