

Good morning

Please find a notification of an aircraft accident in the waters surrounding the Turks and Caicos Islands

Date: 3rd January 2023

Time: 1130am

Aircraft: Cessna 340

Registration: N824BC

Country of Registration: USA

Location of Accident: 17NM south east of Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands (21.17N 70.57W)

Persons on Board – See attached manifest

Injuries: Minor (released from hospital after medical check)

Circumstances:

The aircraft was a Cessna 3040 Alpha # N824BC that crashed at sea, 17 miles South East of Grand Turk. The names of all persons on board were ascertained as Valencia OSBOURNE (female) [REDACTED] pobSt Kitts, Ellington OSBOURNE [REDACTED], pobSt.Kitts, Ronny VIQUEZ [REDACTED], pobCosta Rico and Leroy OSBOURNE, dob, pob St. Kitts. All persons were being treated for minor injuries.

Police Officers were able to speak to the pilot Ellington OSBOURNE who was stable condition and able to speak. He informed Officers that all persons on board were family. That Ronny VIQUEZ was the co-pilot. They were all returning to Opa Lokca Miami from visiting family in St. Kitts.

He further stated that he had plans to stop in Providenciales to refuel the plane when he noticed that he was low on fuel. He further stated that he climbed up to 1600m and maintained the 1600m all the way. He had 159 gallons of fuel on board the aircraft in both of the main tanks. He also stated that he had a packer tank with 20 gallons of fuel in case if they ran out of fuel.

He saw the tank ran out of fuel due to some failure where the fuel was not pumped and distributed to the other side. As result he descended down and landed at sea to try to save all lives on board. Mr. Ellington pilot license was certified as # [REDACTED]

All persons were recovered from the water after an extensive air and sea search. The aircraft was not seen and has believed to have sunk in deep water.

Written statements can be forwarded if required

All persons have returned to the USA via a commercial flight

Comment: It is believed that this aircraft crashed outside of the TCI Territorial Waters. As the aircraft is US Registered, a notification will be made to the US FAA. It is believed, but subject to confirmation, that the US FAA will investigate this incident.

Please confirm receipt of this notification

Regards

Commissioner

