



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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(GAAID) General Aviation Accident Investigation Division **AUG 18th 2016**

NTSB Accident Number: GAA16CA419

Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N734GM

Accident Location: Lewiston, MT

Accident Date: 02AUG2016 @ 1630 mdt

Subject: Memorandum for Record – FAA Inspector's Statement (Bill Thomas)

In support of the NTSB accident investigation involving accident airplane N734GM, in Lewiston, MT the following is a statement provided by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aviation Safety Inspector assigned to the accident.

8/11/16

Inspected aircraft N734GM at Arlin's Aircraft Service, Inc . facility in Belgrade Montana with Allen Waas A & P. The seat rails were in fair condition with no cracks. Seat function was tested by both myself and Allen at each pin stop with satisfactory results. The seat did not pop out of any pin stop even with vigorous attempts at each pin stop to try and make the seat malfunction. The seat rear travel stop belt functioned normally. Conclusion, The pilot had not verified the seat was latched after stowing gear in the rear seat area prior to departure and then manually pulling the seat adjustment handle while under acceleration causing the seat to travel backwards on the track which led to the out of control situation and resulting accident.

The Pilot will receive counseling to ensure seat position is secure prior to starting the engine, as well as aborted takeoff situations and procedures.

If you have any input or questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

William M Thomas

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