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Subject:

N3214P Accident

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N3214P: registered to: Reed Aviation, LLC
Clovis, NM 88101-9578

Make: Piper
Model: PA-24-250
Pilot/Owner: Keaton Presley Reed
Cert: [REDACTED]
Approximately 160 Flight Hours
Private Pilot: ASEL
Medical: 06/28/2018
Bi-Annual: June 2018

The aircraft departed Austin Executive (EDC) at 1515 CST on 11/05/2018, en-route to Clovis Municipal (CVN).

Accident location: (Texico, NM.)
Latitude: N 34° 23' 19.4459" (34.388735)
Longitude: W 103° 2' 41.7845" (-103.04494)
Accident occurred at approximately 1700 MST.

The pilot, two passengers and a dog onboard. No injuries.
The aircraft was substantially damaged. The fuselage broke in two, the tail section separating from the cabin.

The pilot stated he filled both fuel tanks (60 Gallons fuel onboard) prior to departing EDC. He said he flew approximately one hour on left tank, and then switched to right tank. He flew approximately 1.5 hours on the right tank. He said he felt some buffeting (Engine sputter) so he turned on the boost pump and switched back to the left tank. He said this occurred over Muleshoe, TX. Muleshoe is approximately 23 miles southeast of runway 30 at CVN. The pilot stated the aircraft lost power a few minutes after he switched tanks. He then executed an emergency landing attempting to land on the highway at Texico, NM. The aircraft landed at the intersection of US Highway 70 and US Highway 60 in Texico, NM.

Inspection of both fuel tanks indicated no usable fuel onboard. No fuel leak indication at accident site.

Probable cause: Fuel exhaustion.

Please send me the NTSB File number.

Thanks,

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Principal Maintenance Inspector
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