

Inspector's Statement

N77200 – Cessna 140

Marion, AL

23 October 2019

On 11/27/2019, I spoke with the PIC (Colton John Poole) of the mishap aircraft. He told me that upon landing, a deer had entered onto the runway and being chased by what appeared to be coyotes. He applied the brakes firmly of his Cessna 140, causing the aircraft to roll forward causing a prop strike and subsequently coming to rest on its back. This also caused significant damage to the wings and tail. He told me it was “totaled”.

I asked Mr. Poole where he had originated the flight from. He explained that the aircraft had been sitting for some time and they wanted to take it out and have some fun. They departed from Greensboro, AL (7A0) and flew to Marion, AL (A08). Mr. Poole was accompanied by his friend /schoolmate, Alexander Horne. He told me Mr. Horne had a little flying time but not a certificated pilot.

I asked Mr. Poole about his flight status. He told me he had approximately 60 hours of flight time. He had passed his writtens and was awaiting his check ride, which he believed was in about two weeks from today.

The Perry County Sheriffs Office responded to the scene at the time of the incident. The Sheriffs office was contacted and will forward their report and photographs.

Peter Rose