

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT
 This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Alto State: NM

ZIP: 88312 Country: USA

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 08/17/2019 Local Time: 12:55pm
 mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: MST

Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N5410D

Manufacturer: Beechcraft

Model: H-35

Serial Number: D-4882

Year of Manufacture: 1956

Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: _____

☒ IFR-Equipped and Certified

☐ Commercial Space Flight

☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 2910 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 2805 lbs

Number of Seats: 4 Flight Crew Seats: 2

Cabin Crew Seats: 0 Passenger Seats: 2

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft

- ☒ Airplane
- ☐ Balloon
- ☐ Blimp/Dirigible
- ☐ Glider
- ☐ Gyroplane
- ☐ Helicopter
- ☐ Powered Lift
- ☐ Rocket
- ☐ Ultralight
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate

(Check all that apply)

Standard

- ☒ Normal
- ☐ Aerobatic
- ☐ Balloon
- ☐ Commuter
- ☐ Transport
- ☐ Utility

Special

- ☐ Restricted
- ☐ Limited
- ☐ Provisional
- ☐ Special Flight
- ☐ Experimental
- ☐ Special Light-Sport
- ☐ Experimental Light-Sport

☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Landing Gear

(Check all that apply)

☒ Retractable

☐ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel

☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid

☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid

☐ Float ☐ Ski

☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel

☐ Other Launch/Recovery System

☐ None ☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☒ Reciprocating
- ☐ Turbo Shaft
- ☐ Turbo Prop
- ☐ Turbo Jet
- ☐ Turbo Fan
- ☐ Electric
- ☐ Liquid Rocket
- ☐ Solid Rocket
- ☐ Hybrid Rocket
- ☐ None
- ☐ Unknown

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

☐ Carburetor ☒ Fuel-Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Continental	IO-470-G (CI)	72044-O-C	11/1/1986	240	946	20	946
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

- ☐ 100-Hour
- ☐ AAIP
- ☒ Annual
- ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
- ☐ Conditional Inspection
- ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: 03/14/2019
 mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 3285 hrs

hours measured at (Select one)

☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select one)

- ☒ Annual
- ☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
- ☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
- ☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
- ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
- ☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐ None
- ☒ Specify: _____

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
- ☒ Controllable Pitch
- ☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: McCauley

Model: 2A36C23

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
- ☐ Controllable Pitch
- ☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: Unknown

Model or Part No.: _____

TSO No.: ☒ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT Activate? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If not activated:

- Indicate Reason:
- ☐ Impact Damage
 - ☐ Fire Damage
 - ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged
 - ☒ Unknown

Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)

- ☒ ADS-B
- ☐ Airframe Parachute
- ☐ Angle of Attack Indicator
- ☐ Autopilot
- ☐ Data Recorder
- ☒ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
- ☐ Electronic Multifunction Display
- ☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display
- ☒ Handheld GPS
- ☐ Heads Up Display
- ☒ Onboard Weather
- ☒ Satellite Tracking Device
- ☒ Stall Warning System
- ☐ Video Recording Device
- ☐ Other, Specify: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION			
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>Michael Bletsch & Andrew Spiwak</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		City: <u>Richmond</u> State: <u>Tx</u> ZIP: <u>77406</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	
Operator of Aircraft ☒ Same As Registered Owner Name: <u>Michael Bletsch</u> Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		☐ Same Address as Registered Owner City: <u>Richmond</u> State: <u>Tx</u> ZIP: <u>77406</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	
Operating Certificates Held <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129) ☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135) ☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135) ☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136) ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137) ☐ Pilot School (FAR 141) ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ Commercial Space Transportation Experimental Permit ☐ Commercial Space Transportation License ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft	Regulation Flight Conducted Under ☒ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415 ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431 ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435 ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ Public Aircraft <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Armed Forces ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 <i>(Select one for each group)</i> ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic ☒ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International ☐ Passenger ☐ Cargo ☐ Mail Contract Only	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No		Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Firefighting ☐ Unknown ☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test ☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow ☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional ☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use ☐ Business ☒ Personal ☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning ☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving ☐ Ferry	
Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No			
AIRPORT INFORMATION <i>(Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)</i>			
Airport Name: <u>Ruidosa Airport</u> Airport Identifier: <u>SSR</u> Proximity to Airport: ☒ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A		Distance From Airport Center: <u>1</u> sm Direction From Airport: <u>030</u> degrees true Airport Elevation: <u>6,813</u> ft. msl	
Runway Information Runway ID: <u>030</u> (L/R/C) Length: <u>6,309</u> ft Width: <u>75</u> ft		Condition of Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm ☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy ☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy ☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet ☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft ☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown	
Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water ☒ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown			
Approach/Departure Segment <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach ☒ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around ☐ Initial Climb ☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown			
IFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice ☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS ☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual ☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact ☐ RNAV ☐ Circling ☐ Unknown		VFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Stop and Go ☐ Straight-In ☐ Touch and Go ☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Simulated Forced Landing ☐ Go Around ☐ Forced Landing ☐ Full Stop ☐ Precautionary Landing ☐ Unknown	

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"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☐ Pilot
 ☐ Co-Pilot
 ☐ Student Pilot
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Check Pilot
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____ Date of Birth: _____ mm/dd/yyyy
 Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single	Restraint Type <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ None</td> <td>☐ None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Lap only</td> <td>☐ Lap only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 3-point</td> <td>☐ 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 4-point</td> <td>☐ 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 5-point</td> <td>☐ 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Unknown</td> <td>☐ Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	Available	Used	☐ None	☐ None	☐ Lap only	☐ Lap only	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point	☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
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Principal Occupation ☐ Pilot ☐ Other ☐ Unknown	Medical Certificate ☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only) ☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown	Date of Last Medical _____ mm/dd/yyyy															

Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks: _____ mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____
 Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td> ☐ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift </td> <td> ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport </td> </tr> </table>	☐ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift	☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
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Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)						
Crew Name and Address First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown		Injury ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Private ☐ Student ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Recreational ☐ Sport ☐ Commercial ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ US Military ☐ Foreign			Restraint Type: Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs				
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)						
Name and Address	Seat	Injury	Available	Used	Inflatable Restraints	Age
First Name: _____ City : _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years <i>If Under 5,</i> ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION					
Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>KSRR</u> City: <u>Rusidosa</u> State: <u>NM</u> Country: <u>USA</u>		Time of Departure Time: <u>12:55</u> Time Zone: <u>MT</u>		Destination Airport ID: <u>KBPG</u> City: <u>Big Springs</u> State: <u>TX</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	
Type Flight Plan Filed ☐ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☒ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown					
Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise ☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA					
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply) ☐ Class A ☒ Class G ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Special ☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Unknown ☐ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ TRSA ☐ FAR 93 ☐ Class E ☐ Restricted Area					Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: <u>200</u> ft msl
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE					
Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply) ☐ National Weather Service ☐ Company ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military ☒ TV/Radio ☐ Internet ☒ Automated Report ☐ None ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Unknown ☒ On-Board Weather			Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>KSSR ASOS</u> Observation Time: <u>1205</u> Time Zone: <u>MTN</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>2</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>200</u> degrees true		
Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night			
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☒ Clear ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown ☐ Scattered Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl		Ceiling ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl		Temperature: _____ (C) or <u>78</u> (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: _____ in. Hg or _____ MB	
Wind Direction ☐ Variable -or- Direction: <u>060</u> degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>12</u> kts	Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>10</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: <u>8,600</u> ft		
Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☒ N/A ☐ Unknown	Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals		Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown		
Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☒ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Turbulence Type (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence Severity ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme	
NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident: <u>None. Severe clear day.</u>					

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None ☐ Substantial
☐ Minor ☒ Destroyed
 ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(Use additional sheet if necessary)*

Aircraft is a total loss insurance wise. No post impact fire. Engine was separated from airframe on impact.

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT *(Please type or print in ink)*

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

See attached narative report sent to FAA.

Report prepared by Michael Bletsch – Pilot in command

Date of accident: Saturday August 17th, 2019; approximately 1pm

Location of accident: Ruidoso, New Mexico airport

Aircraft type: 1957 H35 Bonanza V-tail

Pilot in Command qualifications: 1,060 hours

The day before, Josh and I flew up to Ruidoso incident free and the aircraft had no issues. We left from Houston and re-fueled in Big Springs, Texas. The flight was uneventful and landed with no issues. The plan was to stay Friday night and return to Houston on Saturday. I am familiar with this airport as I have flown in and out of this airport 5-6 times. I am also familiar with high density altitude operations from flying in North Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Colorado.

Saturday morning Josh Cotton (passenger) and myself had a late brunch and decided to head to the airport. I filed and IFR flight plan to Big Springs, Texas for our re-fuel stop. My intentions were to pick up the IFR clearance in the air. I performed usual pre-flight activities at brunch and got a weather briefing, verified weight and balance of 2,803 pounds with passengers, full fuel and bags.

We were in our CG envelope and approximately 100 pounds under maximum gross weight. I also verified the required take-off distances based on the density altitude of 8,500 feet. The required take off distances based on conditions of that time of day was approximately 2,900 feet of runway with a 50-foot obstacle.

Based on my pre-flight briefing and risk assessment the flight was a go. There was no weather of concern along the entire route of the flight. We arrived at the airport around 12:00 and did a pre-flight inspection of the aircraft. All 4 tanks were sumped and clean. All tanks were verified full. Oil was at 8.5 quarts. The exterior walk around of the aircraft was clean.

We started the aircraft with no issues then we obtained the automated weather for the field. The winds were favoring runway 30. We began to taxi for the runway with nothing unusual with the aircraft. We stopped short of runway 30 and began our pre-takeoff checklist per the aircraft POH. This was a normal take-off with flaps up. I also paid particular attention above the POH for leaning the aircraft for maximum engine performance. This involved setting manifold pressure to about 21 inches and RPM at 2,400 and then leaning the mixture until I saw a drop in RPM, approximately 50, and a little bit of roughness in the engine. Then I enriched the mixture until smooth operation was felt. I did an emergency take-off briefing with my passenger before take-off. We were prepared to take off but had to hold short due to a twin Cessna landing. (Prior to take off, mentally I remembered Vr should occur at 2,900 feet). If I did not reach take off speed, of approximately 85mph by 3,000 foot marker of runway, I would abort my take off. We had 6,300 feet of runway available.

Once the Cessna was cleared, we lined up on the centerline and I held the brakes and applied full power. I verified all instruments were green and full flow was in range and released the brakes to begin rolling. Everything was normal and I reached rotation speed approximately midfield and rotated the aircraft. I

verified positive rate of climb and put the gear up. I started to pitch for Vy of 120 mph. We climbed to what felt like 150-200 feet above the runway. I then noticed a loss of power. At this point I knew there was a problem with the aircraft. We were out of remaining runway. I looked left and thought about making an emergency landing on opposing runway/taxiway but considered the loss of altitude with banking to be too dangerous. We began losing even more altitude. I decided to try and put the cowl flaps in but had trouble and not sure if I got them in or not. I was trying to clean the airplane up as much as possible to reduce any drag on the aircraft.

At this point I told Josh I didn't think we would make it over the ridge in front of us. I told Josh to crack his door and brace himself and to yell at me if the wings didn't look like they weren't level at any time. I continued forward occasionally dipping the nose of the aircraft to look for a place to land. I found a clearing prior to the ridge that I banked into the set the aircraft down as best I could. I debated to put the gear down and decided to leave the gear up to minimize any bouncing and momentum. Prior to impact, I remember trying to turn the mags off and getting Josh to turn the master switch off to isolate electricity. We impacted the terrain and I was knocked unconscious. I remember waking up outside the aircraft with Josh and rescue workers all around.

The injuries I sustained; broken right ankle, broken vertebrae, cracked sternum and major facial trauma. The injuries Josh sustained; Broken ankle, Broken tail bone, broken wrist, broken vertebrae, broken nose, 4 lost teeth.

I was hospitalized for 10 days at University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque.

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MICHAEL BLETSCH 9/2/19
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Totals

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Date Range

- ☐ Last 7 Days
- ☐ Last 28 Days
- ☒ Last 30 Days
- ☐ Last 60 Days
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- ☐ Past 12 Months
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- ☒ Last Year
- ☒ All Time

Aircraft Type	Last 30 Days	Last 90 Days	This Year	Last Year	All Time
150	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5
152	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	53.1
172	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.0
182	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.4
AG-5B	1.9	3.2	5.4	41.5	289.4
PA39	2.0	2.5	83.2	16.0	99.2
AA5B	0.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	8.4
AA-5A	0.0	0.0	3.2	52.5	90.2
M20R	2.1	17.0	31.6	154.4	186.0
Redbird FMX	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PA28-181	0.0	48.9	117.1	85.6	202.7
H35	10.2	10.2	10.2	0.0	10.2
Total	16.2	81.8	259.0	350.5	1052.1

Emergency And Alerts

Reports

Lookback Report

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

I had no idea the engine and or prop was going to fail on take off. The aircraft gave no symptoms on the ground prior to departure.

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)

Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

The engine and or prop failed on takeoff at approx 150 to 200'. I'm not sure why.

Total Time/Cycles
On Part

_____ Hours
_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff
(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

Full tanks 60 gal _____ Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ Jet B ☐ Other, specify _____
☒ 100 Low Lead ☐ Jet A ☐ JP8
☐ 100/130 ☐ Jet A-1 ☐ Automotive

Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure

None. We had 8.5 qrts and full fuel. Tanks were sumped and no contaminants found.

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFT

Was an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location

The passenger in copilot side got him self out the door. The door was cracked in flight. If it had not been cracked it would have been jammed. First responders pulled the pilot out of the the pilot side window over the wing.

OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for *other* aircraft)

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft

☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor
☐ Substantial ☐ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Name: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Date of this Report

11/01/2019

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Michael Wayne Bletsch

Signature: [REDACTED]

-- or --

☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

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Name of Investigator

SMITH, M.

Date Report Received

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