



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

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<b>Location:</b>	Bryan, TX	<b>Accident Number:</b>	CEN20LA370
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	08/30/2020, 1430 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N7469P
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Piper PA24	<b>Injuries:</b>	3 Fatal, 1 Serious
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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On August 30, 2020, about 1430 central daylight time, a Piper PA-24-250 airplane, N7469P, sustained substantial damage when it was involved in an accident near Bryan, Texas. The private pilot and two passengers were fatally injured, and one passenger sustained serious injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

According to a family member, the purpose of the flight was for the pilot to take his family members for a sightseeing flight in the local area. The pilot had recently purchased the airplane about a week before the accident.

According to security video footage at the Coulter Field Airport (CFD), Bryan, Texas, the airplane utilized runway 15 for the takeoff. After takeoff the airplane descended and impacted terrain. The airplane came to rest on a flat grass field on the departure end of runway 15 on airport property.

The airplane sustained substantial damage during the impact. A Federal Aviation Administration aviation safety inspector and an air safety investigator from Piper Aircraft documented the accident site and the wreckage was recovered to a secure location for a future examination of the airframe and the Lycoming O-540 engine.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Piper	<b>Registration:</b>	N7469P
<b>Model/Series:</b>	PA24 250	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No		
<b>Operator:</b>	On file	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KCLL, 328 ft msl	Observation Time:	1853 UTC
Distance from Accident Site:	8 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	35° C / 22° C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Few / 5000 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots / 21 knots, 140°
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility:	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.78 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Bryan, TX (CFD)	Destination:	Bryan, TX (CFD)

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	2 Fatal, 1 Serious	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	3 Fatal, 1 Serious	Latitude, Longitude:	30.715556, -96.331389 (est)

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Michael J Hodges
Additional Participating Persons:	Stephen Ragin; FAA Houston FSDO; Houston, TX Jon Hirsch; Piper Aircraft; Vero Beach, FL Ryan Enders; Lycoming Engines; Williamsport, PA William Welch; McCauley Propeller Systems; Wichita, KS
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.