



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Plain City, OH	Accident Number:	CEN19FA100
Date & Time:	03/17/2019, 1745 EDT	Registration:	N424TW
Aircraft:	Cessna 421	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Business		

On March 17, 2019, about 1745 eastern daylight time, a Cessna 421B airplane, N424TW impacted terrain near Plain City, Ohio. The commercial rated pilot, sole occupant, was fatally injured and the airplane was destroyed. The airplane was registered to Classic Solutions, Inc. and operated by Phoenix Test Flight, LLC, as a 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 flight. The flight departed Dayton (KDAY), Dayton, Ohio about 1720, en route to (KDLZ) Delaware, Ohio.

A preliminary review of radio communications revealed the pilot was in contact with air traffic control and there was no record of a distress call. The pilot requested runway 28 RNAV approach at KDLZ. The pilot also reported that he was encountering icing. The controller cleared the flight to 2,500 ft. Shortly afterwards, the airplane made a left turn, and radar and radio communication were lost.

The airplane impacted a rural field about 8 miles southwest of the KDLZ airport. Ground impact scars and wreckage were consistent with a left-wing low impact. The wreckage path was orientated on about a 140-degree heading. From the initial impact point, the airplane crossed a two-lane road before impacting two wooden utility poles. The main part of the wreckage came to rest at the base of the second utility pole, about 395 ft from the initial impact point. The wreckage path was about 850 ft long with the wreckage highly fragmented along the wreckage path. There was not a post-crash fire.

After documentation of the accident site, the airplane was recovered for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N424TW
Model/Series:	421 B	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:	Phoenix Flight Test	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KDLZ	Observation Time:	2135 UTC
Distance from Accident Site:	8 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	1 °C / 0 °C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 400 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	3 knots / , 80°
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 1600 ft agl	Visibility:	3 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.02 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Departure Point:	Dayton, OH (KDAY)	Destination:	Delaware, OH (KDLZ)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	40.188333, -83.204444 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Craig Hatch
Additional Participating Persons:	Paul Gillenwater; FAA FSDO; Columbus, OH Kurt Gibson; CMI; Mobile, AL Ricardo Asensio; Textron; Wichita, KS
Note:	The NTSB traveled to the scene of this accident.