



Aircraft Incident/Accident Report

Date: September 16, 2017

Time: 13:00 Approx.

Location: North Branford, CT

Aircraft: N53CP Mooney M20C

Owner: Charles P. Dundas
[REDACTED]
Westhampton Beach, NY 11978 (from FAA database)

Pilot: same

Passengers: Ted Christopher

Injuries: 2 fatalities

Weather: Clear, visibility: >10 miles

Synopsis: The aircraft departed Robertson Field Airport, Plainville, CT (K4B8) at approximately 12:30 to a reported destination of Francis S. Gabreski Airport (KFOK) in West Hampton Beach, New York (the home base of the aircraft and original departure point earlier in the day). At approximately 1:00pm local neighbors in the area of the crash reported hearing a loud "thud". Sometime later a resident went on a walk and located the crash along a hiking trail west of 580 West Street, Guilford. Guilford Police received their first call at 14:50. Checks with Tweed-New Haven and New York TRACON reported no contact with the aircraft or distress calls. Examination of the ELT in the aircraft found the switch in the "off" position.

The aircraft was in a vertical nose down position, the right wing was separated in two pieces over a roughly 150 to 200 foot path through a heavily wooded area. The position of the aircraft and the debris path indicated a north to northeasterly flight path prior to impact with trees. There was significant damage to the remainder of the aircraft. The landing gear was in the down position [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Both passenger and pilot were declared deceased by local emergency responders, they were later removed to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Farmington.

Initial reports and access to the site was from Guilford, the accident site was determined to be in the Town of North Branford on property owned by the Regional Water Authority. The FAA Flight Standards District Office and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the accident and indicated the wreckage would be removed to Delaware for further examination to determine the cause.

Submitted by: K. Sendlein

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Attachments: Photos of damage and map of site.



Departure:
Robertson Field
Plainville, CT



Destination:
Francis S. Gabreski Airport
Westhampton Beach, NY



