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CAMI REF #

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National Transportation Safety Board 4760 Oakland Street, Suite 500

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**ACCIDENT # 0090** INDIVIDUAL#: 001 NAME: HIGGINBOTHAM, WILLIAM H. III MODE: AVIATION **DATE RECEIVED** 05/31/2013 PUTREFACTION: DATE OF ACCIDENT 05/24/2013 N # 569BC NTSB # CEN13FA295

LOCATION OF ACCIDENT Cross Tmbers, MO

SPECIMENS Blood, Brain, Gastric, Heart, Liver, Lung, Muscle, Vitreous

## FINAL FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT

CARBON MONOXIDE: The carboxyhemoglobin (COHb) saturation is determined by spectrophotometry with a 10% cut off and confirmed by chromatography.

>> SPECIMENS WERE UNSUITABLE FOR ANALYSIS

CYANIDE: The presence of cyanide is screened by Conway Diffusion, when the COHb level is equal to or greater than 10% or upon special request. Cyanides are quantitated by spectrophotometry and confirmed by chromatography. The reporting cutoff for cyanide is 0.25 ug/mL. Normal blood cyanide concentrations are less than 0.15 ug/mL, while lethal concentrations are greater than 3 ug/mL.

## >> NOT PERFORMED

VOLATILES: The volatile concentrations are determined by headspace gas chromatography at a cut off of 10 mg/dL. Where possible, positive ethanol values are confirmed by Radiative Energy Attenuation.

>> NO ETHANOL detected in Vitreous

DRUGS: Specimens are analyzed using immunoassay, chromatography, GC/MS, HPLC/MS, or GC/FTIR. Concentrations (ug/mL) at or above those in () can be determined for, but not limited to, the following drugs: amphetamines (0.010), opiates (0.010), marihuana (0.001), cocaine (0.020), phencyclidine (0.002), benzodiazepines (0.030), barbiturates (0.060), antidepressants (0.100), and antihistamines (0.020). Drugs and/or their metabolites, that are not impairing or abused, may be reported from the initial tests. See the CAMI Drug Information Web Site for additional information (http://jag.cami.jccbi.gov/toxicology/).

>> NO DRUGS listed above detected in Liver

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