

Juvenile

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<p>(plane) that had crashed, just off the runway, adjacent to the airport's main facility, but on the South side of such runway.</p> <p>While we were enroute, WPD dispatch advised us that all occupants of the aircraft had safely exited it and appeared to be unhurt.</p> <p>Williston Fire/Rescue was also notified and responding to the scene, and we were all advised by dispatch, that there was no fire related to the crash as well.</p> <p>Upon our arrival, Airport Manager: Benton Stegall, and some of his staff were on-scene, and we were able to witness the scene, and converse with the Owner/Pilot: Jeremiah Benjamin Cottle, who advised us that while in the process of taking off, Northbound of the main runway, and achieving lift-off speed, a strong gust of wind hit his craft broadside, on the port side of the craft, which lifted so significantly that it lost it's last wheel traction on the pavement, which caused the plane to veer off the runway in a Northeasterly direction.</p> <p>As the planes's tires entered onto the grassy/sandy area alongside the runway, the plane began to skid significantly, for about the first 54 yards, where they dug-in somewhat. Then, in about 12 more yards, a more significant impact took place, which appears to have caused the plane to turn right, and nose-into the ground, causing it to come to rest there.</p> <p>The majority of the damage to the plane appears to have been to the propellers in the nose of the aircraft, and likewise to the engine they are attached to.</p> <p>In speaking to the pilot/reported - owner: Cottle, he advised that he and his friend were enroute to Key West. When I asked if the plane is insured, he said "NO".</p> <p>Chief Strow, and Deputy Chief Bovaird were also on scene, to witness what had taken place.</p> <p>The National Transportation Safety Board, and the Federal Aeronautics Administration had been notified of the incident as well.</p> <p>To remove the aircraft from the crash location, Williston Crane Service will be utilized.</p> <p>I photographed the scene with stationary Kodak traditional camera for Images, and utilized my assigned Wolfcom body-cam, along with my assigned in-car camera.</p>						
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Exception Type 1. Extradition Declined		2. Arrest on Primary Offense, Secondary Offense Without Prosecution		3. Death of Offender	4. V/W Refused to Cooperate	5. Prosecution Declined 6. Juvenile / No Custody
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