

# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location:	CEDAR CITY, Utah		Accident Number:	DEN85LA070
Date & Time:	January 25, 1985, 15	:23 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N29044
Aircraft:	CESSNA	206	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:			Injuries:	2 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General avia	tion - Personal		

## **Analysis**

THE ACFT NOSED OVER AFTER CONTACTING A DITCH FOLLOWING A LOSS OF DIRECTIONAL CONTROL DURING A LANDING ROLL. THE PLT STATED THAT AFTER A SOFT TOUCHDOWN THE ACFT BEGAN TO VEER TO THE LEFT OF THE RWY. REMEDIAL RUDDER PRESSURE AND BRAKING WAS ATTEMTED TO NO AVAIL. THE ACFT TRAVELED OFF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RWY WHERE IT CONTACTED THE DITCH. THE PLT STATED AFTER THE ACCIDENT THE LEFT TIRE WHICH WAS REPLACED ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT WAS FLAT. A MECHANIC INSPECTED THE TIRE AND REPORTED THE TUBE WAS PINCHED BETWEEN THE RIM HALVES.

## **Probable Cause and Findings**

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

#### Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (C) LANDING GEAR, TIRE - FAILURE, TOTAL 2. (C) MAINTENANCE, INSTALLATION - IMPROPER - OTHER MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings 3. TERRAIN CONDITION - DIRT BANK/RISING EMBANKMENT

Occurrence #3: NOSE OVER Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

# **Factual Information**

#### **Pilot Information**

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Certificate:	Private	Age:	25,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	July 24, 1984
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	249 hours (Total, all aircraft), 181 hours (Total, this make and model), 203 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 10 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N29044
Model/Series:	206 206	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	U-2061030
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	May 22, 1984 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3500 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1685 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-F
Registered Owner:	FRANKLIN O'LEARY	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

### Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	CDC ,5266 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	15:25 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 4500 ft AGL	Visibility	30 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 25000 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	6 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	1
Wind Direction:	20°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	6°C / -2°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	LAS VEGAS , NV (LAS )	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	VFR
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	13:15 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class D;Class G

## **Airport Information**

Airport:	CEDAR CITY MUNI COC	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	5622 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	20	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	7800 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	

#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Feith, Gregory
Additional Participating Persons:	
Original Publish Date:	
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=16629

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