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Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Clearbrook, MN	Accident Number:	CEN24LA168
Date & Time:	April 29, 2024, 00:27 Local	Registration:	N12805
Aircraft:	Cessna 172M	Injuries:	1 Serious
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On April 29, 2024, about 0027 central daylight time, a Cessna 172M airplane, N12805, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Clearbrook, Minnesota. The pilot sustained serious injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

On the morning of April 28, 2024, the pilot rented the airplane from Bemidji Aviation Services for a personal flight from Bemidji Regional Airport (BJI), Bemidji, Minnesota, to Stanley Municipal Airport (O8D), Stanley, North Dakota. According to Flight Aware records, the flight departed BJI about 1259. The visual flight rules (VFR) flight from BJI to O8D was uneventful.

According to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Control (ATC) records, the pilot departed O8D about 2132 on an IFR flight to return to BJI. After about 3.5 hours of uneventful flight in instrument meteorological conditions (IMC), approaching BJI, the pilot was cleared by ATC for the GPS 13 approach to BJI. The pilot acknowledged the clearance. No other communications were heard from the pilot. ATC then issued an Alert Notice (ALNOT) when the pilot did not close his flight plan, and the airplane Was not located at BJI.

The airplane wreckage was located about 0147 by first responders. One of the first responders reported that the pilot told him that the engine quit. The pilot was transported with critical injuries by ground ambulance to a local hospital in Bagley, Minnesota, and then by air ambulance to a hospital in Fargo, North, Dakota. The wreckage and accident area were secured overnight by local law enforcement personnel.

Security video footage showed that the airplane contacted the top of a one-story building prior to impact with a retaining wall and the ground. Tire tracks consistent with the airplane's landing gear were found on top of the building. The airplane wreckage was found in the parking lot of the one-story building. A FAA inspector responded to the accident site of the

morning of April 29th. After documentation of the wreckage and the accident site, the wreckage was transported to a secure facility at BJI for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N12805
Model/Series:	172M	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	IMC	Condition of Light:	Night
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KFSE, 1277 ft msl	Observation Time:	00:35 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	15 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	3°C / 2°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	11 knots / 14 knots, 90°
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 1600 ft AGL	Visibility:	7 miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.86 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Departure Point:	Stanley, ND (08D)	Destination:	Bemidji, MN (BJI)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Serious	Latitude, Longitude:	47.69801,-95.43175 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Lemishko, Alexander
Additional Participating Persons:	Greg Thurston; FAA FSDO; Minneapolis, MN Troy Helgeson; Lycoming Engines; Williamsport, PA
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.