

# **Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report**

Location: Odessa, TX Accident Number: CEN24FA320

Date & Time: August 20, 2024, 07:00 Local Registration: N689VP

Aircraft: Cessna 550 Injuries: 2 Fatal, 1 Serious

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

On August 20, 2024, about 0700 central daylight time, a Cessna 550 airplane, N689VP, was destroyed when it was involved in an accident near Odessa, Texas. The pilot and passenger were fatally injured. A person on the ground was seriously injured. The airplane was operated under the provisions of Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 as a personal flight.

The airplane departed Odessa Airport-Schlemeyer Field (ODO), Odessa, Texas, from runway 16. A pilot-certificated witness heard the airplane's engines and noted that they sounded unusual, so he went to observe the airplane. He saw the airplane as it flew down the last 1/3 portion of the 5,003 ft long runway, about 10 ft above ground level in a near level attitude. The airplane then collided with power lines and a restaurant building.

Impact signatures were consistent with the airplane colliding with power lines and a one-story restaurant. The right main landing gear sheared and was entangled in the building's roof. The airplane came to rest about 150 yards south and impacted two garage areas. A post impact fire ensued which consumed a majority of the airplane.

Remnants of all the primary flight controls were located at the accident site. The parking brake valve was located and found in the disengaged position. A cockpit voice recorder was located in the wreckage and sent to the National Transportation Safety Board vehicle recorders lab for download.

The airplane was retained for further examination.

### **Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information**

| Aircraft Make: | Cessna  | Registration:                     | N689VP   |
|----------------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Model/Series:  | 550     | Aircraft Category:                | Airplane |
| Amateur Built: |         |                                   |          |
| Operator:      | On file | Operating Certificate(s)<br>Held: | None     |
|                |         |                                   |          |

#### **Operator Designator Code:**

### **Meteorological Information and Flight Plan**

| Conditions at Accident Site:     | VMC               | Condition of Light:          | Day                |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Observation Facility, Elevation: | KODO,2983 ft msl  | Observation Time:            | 06:53 Local        |
| Distance from Accident Site:     | 1 Nautical Miles  | Temperature/Dew Point:       | 27°C /14°C         |
| <b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>   | Clear             | Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction: | 7 knots / , 190°   |
| Lowest Ceiling:                  | None              | Visibility:                  | 10 miles           |
| Altimeter Setting:               | 30.16 inches Hg   | Type of Flight Plan Filed:   | IFR                |
| Departure Point:                 | Odessa, TX (KODO) | Destination:                 | Houston, TX (KEFD) |

## **Wreckage and Impact Information**

| Crew Injuries:      | 1 Fatal            | Aircraft Damage:     | Destroyed                 |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Passenger Injuries: | 1 Fatal            | Aircraft Fire:       | On-ground                 |
| Ground Injuries:    | 1 Serious          | Aircraft Explosion:  | None                      |
| Total Injuries:     | 2 Fatal, 1 Serious | Latitude, Longitude: | 31.910877,-102.3861 (est) |

#### **Administrative Information**

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| Investigator In Charge (IIC):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Aguilera, Jason                                                                                                        |  |
| Additional Participating Persons:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Jason Wilson; FAA FSDO; Lubbock, TX<br>Jennifer Barclay; Textron Aviation; Wichita , KS<br>Beverley Harvey; TSB Canada |  |
| Investigation Class:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Class 3                                                                                                                |  |
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