
 National Transportation Safety Board PRELIMINARY REPORT AVIATION		NTSB ID: CEN12FA072		Most Critical Injury: Fatal		
		Occurrence Date: 11/17/2011		Investigated By: NTSB		
		Occurrence Type: Accident				
Location/Time						
Nearest City/Place		State	Zip Code	Local Time	Time Zone	
Perryville		AR	72126	1610	CST	
Aircraft Information						
Registration Number		Aircraft Manufacturer		Model/Series Number		
N7746W		PIPER		PA-28-180		
Type of Aircraft: Airplane			Amateur Built Aircraft? No			
Injury Summary:		Fatal	4	Serious	Minor	None
Revenue Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No			
Narrative						
Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:						
<p>On November 17, 2011, about 1610 central standard time, a Piper PA-28-180, N7746W, impacted the ground near Perryville, Arkansas. The certificated flight instructor pilot and three passengers were fatally injured; the airplane was substantially damaged. The airplane was owned by a private individual and operated under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 as a personal flight. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the flight, which operated without a flight plan. The flight originated from Stillwater Regional Airport (SWO), Stillwater, Oklahoma, about 1415 and was destined for North Little Rock Municipal Airport (ORK), North Little Rock, Arkansas.</p> <p>Employees at SWO reported that the airplane landed approximately 1345, picked up two passengers, and departed for ORK. The airplane did not receive any services at SWO.</p> <p>Radar data showed the airplane level at 7,000 feet mean sea level on a southeasterly heading. At 1610:49, the airplane entered a right turn and began descending. The airplane disappeared from radar shortly after. There were no reported air traffic control communications with the airplane.</p> <p>Witnesses who were in the vicinity of the accident site reported that the airplane was flying at a low altitude and making turns. They then observed the airplane enter a steep nose-low attitude prior to descending toward the terrain.</p> <p>The accident site was located in a heavily wooded area of the Ouachita National Forest, about 8 miles southeast of Perryville. The initial ground impact scar was consistent with the airplane's right wing leading edge contacting the ground first. An impact crater, about 10 feet in diameter and about 3.5 feet deep contained most of the airplane. Ground scars and witness marks to trees surrounding the accident site were consistent with the airplane being in a steep nose-low attitude at the time of impact.</p> <p>The airplane wreckage was transported to a secure location for further examination. Updated on Nov 23 2011 10:55AM</p>						
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Other Aircraft Involved		
Registration Number	Aircraft Manufacturer	Model/Series Number

Accident Information	
Aircraft Damage: Substantial	Accident Occurred During:

Crew	Name	Certificate No.	Injury	
Pilot	On File	On File	Fatal	
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Operator Information			
Name BRANSTETTER OLIN R	Operator Designator Code	Doing Business As	


Street Address	City PONCA CITY	State OK	Zip Code 74601
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-Type of Certificate(s) Held: None	
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):	

Operating Certificate:	Operator Certificate:
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation	
Type of Flight Operations Conducted: Personal	

Flight Plan/Itinerary			
Type of Flight Plan Filed: None			
Last Departure Point	State	Airport Identifier	
Stillwater	OK	SWO	
Destination	State	Airport Identifier	
Little Rock	AR	ORK	

Weather Information			
Investigator's Source: Flight Service Station	Facility ID: KRUE	Observation Time (Local): 1553	
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Clear		Ft. AGL	
Lowest Ceiling: None	Ft. AGL	Visibility: 10	SM Altimeter: 30.35 "Hg

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Temperature: 11 °C	Dew Point: -7 °C	Wind Direction: 200	
Wind Speed: 3 Kts.	Gusts: Kts.	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions	

Administration Data

Notification From Little Rock State Police	Date
FAA District Office/Coordinator FAA FSDO John Gruben	Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) Jason T. Aguilera