



## National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

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<b>Location:</b>	MONROE, NC	<b>Accident Number:</b>	MIA97LA077
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	02/01/1997, 1148 EST	<b>Registration:</b>	N70F
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Beech 95-B55	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal, 1 None

**Flight Conducted Under:** Part 91: General Aviation - Personal

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On February 1, 1997, about 1148 eastern standard time, a Beech 95-B55, N70F, registered to Insight Talent Inc., was substantially damaged during a forced landing, near Monroe, North Carolina. The commercial-rated pilot was removed from the wreckage, and taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced "dead." One passenger was not injured. Visual meteorological conditions (VMC) prevailed in the vicinity, and no flight plan had been filed. The local personal flight was being conducted in accordance with Title 14 CFR Part 91.

According to the FAA inspector's statement the passenger told him that before the flight the pilot was complaining about "not feeling well." During the flight the pilot's "condition got worse, he complained about tingling in his fingers and pressure on his chest." Several witnesses saw the airplane on final approach, about 50 to 100 feet above the ground, flying erratically, heading towards buildings and hangars. The pilot became too ill to fly the airplane, and the passenger had taken control of the airplane, and landed without hitting any buildings, but struck a pole with the right wing.

The FAA inspector talked to the medical examiner, and said the medical examiner stated that the "pilot died instantly and was dead before the aircraft hit the ground."

An autopsy was performed on the pilot, on February 3, 1997, at the Medical Examiner's Office, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, by Dr. Robert L Thompson. According to the Autopsy Report, the pathological diagnoses was: "Ischemic heart disease...coronary atherosclerosis...focal, severe pulmonary congestion with focal hemorrhage." Cause of death: "Ischemic heart disease."

Toxicological tests were conducted at the Medical Examiner's Office, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and revealed, "...no drugs or alcohol detected...."

## Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial	<b>Age:</b>	47, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	Seatbelt
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	Yes
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 2 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	09/12/1995
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	2800 hours (Total, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Beech	<b>Registration:</b>	N70F
<b>Model/Series:</b>	95-B55 95-B55	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	TC-1637
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Retractable - Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	4
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	08/30/1996, Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	5100 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	2 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	3014 Hours	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	Continental
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	IO-470L
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	INSIGHT TALENT INC.	<b>Rated Power:</b>	260 hp
<b>Operator:</b>	INSIGHT TALENT INC.	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	CLT, 749 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	30 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	1152 EST	Direction from Accident Site:	295°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 15000 ft agl	Visibility	25 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	6 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	230°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	17° C / 0° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	(EQY)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1145 EST	Type of Airspace:	

## Airport Information

Airport:	MONROE (EQY)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	679 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	23	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	5500 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Forced Landing

## Wreckage and Impact Information

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

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	ALAN J YURMAN
Additional Participating Persons:	ROBERT SCHILLING; CHARLOTTE, NC
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at <a href="mailto:pubinq@ntsb.gov">pubinq@ntsb.gov</a> , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <a href="http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/">http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/</a> .