



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	MONROE, NC	Accident Number:	MIA97LA077
Date & Time:	02/01/1997, 1148 EST	Registration:	N70F
Aircraft:	Beech 95-B55	Injuries:	1 Fatal, 1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The passenger said 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. An autopsy was performed on the pilot, and according to the Autopsy Report, the pathological diagnoses were: 'Ischemic heart disease (coronary atherosclerosis, focal, severe) and pulmonary congestion with focal hemorrhage.' Cause of death: 'Ischemic heart disease.'

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: pilot incapacitation as result of Ischemic heart disease.

Findings

Occurrence #1: MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER
Phase of Operation: APPROACH - VFR PATTERN - FINAL APPROACH

- Findings
1. (C) AIRCRAFT CONTROL - UNCONTROLLED - PILOT IN COMMAND
 2. (C) INCAPACITATION(CARDIOVASCULAR) - PILOT IN COMMAND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	47
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	2800 hours (Total, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Beech	Registration:	N70F
Model/Series:	95-B55 95-B55	Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Operator:	INSIGHT TALENT INC.	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	IO-470L
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	CLT, 749 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	6 knots / , 230°
Temperature:	17° C	Visibility	25 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	(EQY)	Destination:	

Airport Information

Airport:	MONROE (EQY)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Runway Used:	23	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	5500 ft / 100 ft		

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

Latitude, Longitude:

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): ALAN J YURMAN **Adopted Date:** 04/10/1998

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