



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	AO	Accident Number:	ERA12FAMS1
Date & Time:	03/01/2012, 1102 EST	Registration:	N1338S
Aircraft:	CESSNA 182P	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot departed with about 25 to 30 gallons of fuel on-board and proceeded to fly over the Atlantic Ocean. About 23 minutes after takeoff, while operating in visual flight rules conditions, the airplane was lost from radar about 34 nautical miles east-southeast of the departure airport. The pilot's body and the airplane wreckage have not been located. The airplane's maintenance records were reportedly in the airplane; as a result, information concerning the last annual inspection was not available. The airplane's owner reported that the airplane "performed flawlessly" when he and another pilot flew it 2 days before the event flight. Multiple medications that had been prescribed for the pilot for the treatment of various conditions, including depression and anxiety, blood pressure, angina, high cholesterol, insomnia, and seizures were found during the subsequent investigation. The investigation considered the possibilities of 1) pilot impairment/incapacitation and 2) suicide; however, the lack of physical evidence (the airplane and pilot remain missing) made such a determination impossible.

Flight Events

Unknown - Missing aircraft

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: Undetermined; the airplane and pilot are missing.

Findings

Not determined-Not determined-(general)-(general)-Unknown/Not determined - C

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	56
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	2000 hours (Total, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	CESSNA	Registration:	N1338S
Model/Series:	182P	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	AKRO ATTITUDES INC	Engine Manufacturer:	CONT MOTOR
Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-470 SERIES
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	PBI, 19 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 2800 ft agl
Condition of Light:	Day	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	12 knots, 140°
Temperature:	26° C / 20° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Boynton Beach, FL (FA44)	Destination:	Boynton Beach, FL (FA44)

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Timothy W Monville	Adopted Date:	10/15/2012
Investigation Docket:	http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/search/dockList.cfm?mKey=83064		

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