



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	East Hartford, CT	Accident Number:	ERA17FA011
Date & Time:	10/11/2016, 1530 EDT	Registration:	N15294
Aircraft:	PIPER PA 34-200	Injuries:	1 Fatal, 1 Serious
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Instructional		

Analysis

On October 11, 2016, about 1530 eastern daylight time, a Piper PA-34-200 twin-engine airplane, N15294, was destroyed when it impacted terrain near Hartford-Brainard Airport (HFD), Hartford, Connecticut. The flight instructor was seriously injured, and the private pilot was fatally injured. The airplane was registered to International Aviation, LLC, and operated by American Flight Academy as a 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 instructional flight. Visual meteorological conditions existed at the airport at the time of the accident, and no flight plan was filed for the local flight that departed HFD about an hour earlier.

The investigation of this event is being conducted under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The NTSB provided requested technical assistance to the FBI, and any material generated by the NTSB is under the control of the FBI. The NTSB does not plan to issue a report or open a public docket.

Flight Events

Other - Security/criminal event

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

The NTSB did not determine the probable cause of this event and does not plan to issue a report or open a public docket. The investigation of this event is being conducted under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Findings

Personnel issues-Miscellaneous-Intentional act-Suicide-Pilot - C
Not determined-Not determined-(general)-(general)-Other authority investigated - C

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N15294
Model/Series:	PA 34-200 200	Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Operator:	American Flight Academy	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Pilot School (141)	Engine Model/Series:	I0360 SER
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Weather Information Source:	Unknown
Lowest Ceiling:		Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	/ ,
Temperature:		Visibility:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	East Hartford, CT (HFD)	Destination:	East Hartford, CT (HFD)

Airport Information

Airport:	HARTFORD-BRAINARD (HFD)	Runway Surface Type:	
Runway Used:	N/A	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Length/Width:			

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal, 1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	On-Ground
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Latitude, Longitude:	41.736667, -72.649444 (est)		

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Leah D Read	Adopted Date:	11/28/2016
Note:	The NTSB traveled to the scene of this accident.		
Investigation Docket:	http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/search/dockList.cfm?mKey=94182		

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