



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Hinesville, GA	Accident Number:	WPR18LA051
Date & Time:	12/14/2017, 0854 EST	Registration:	N4326X
Aircraft:	PIPER PA 32-300	Injuries:	1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On December 14, 2017 about 0854 eastern standard time, a Piper PA32-300, N4326X, was substantially damaged during an emergency landing at Wright Army Airfield (Fort Stewart)/Midcoast Regional Airport (LHW), Fort Stewart (Hinesville), Georgia. The airplane was registered to Air Jones LLC and operated by the private pilot under the provisions of 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 as a personal flight. The pilot received minor injuries. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and no flight plan was filed. The flight originated from Metter Municipal Airport, Metter, Georgia at 0830.

In a statement provided to the Federal Aviation Administration Inspector, the pilot said he was on final approach to LHW when he felt a shutter, followed by a loud bang. Immediately after, the windshield was covered in oil and the engine experienced a complete loss of power. The pilot reported to the air traffic controller that he was unable to land on the runway, and that he is "going down". About 2 miles short of the runway, the airplane impacted a tree line.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N4326X
Model/Series:	PA 32-300 301	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:		Condition of Light:	
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KLHW, 45 ft msl	Observation Time:	0856 EST
Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	8° C / 3° C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	9 knots / , 250°
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.96 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	METTER, GA (MHP)	Destination:	Hinesville, GA (LHW)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	31.888333, -81.561667 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Maja Smith
Additional Participating Persons:	
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.