



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Butler, MO	Accident Number:	CEN19FA161
Date & Time:	06/10/2019, 1030 CDT	Registration:	N622MM
Aircraft:	Cessna 425	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On June 10, 2019, about 1030 central daylight time, a Cessna 425 multi-engine airplane, N622MM, registered to Santa Fe Investments Inc., of Wilmington, Delaware, and operated by the pilot, was destroyed during a forced landing after experiencing engine problems, near Butler, Missouri. The private pilot sustained fatal injuries. The cross country flight was being conducted under the provisions of 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and an instrument flight rules (IFR) flight plan was filed. The flight originated at 0554 from the Vero Beach Municipal Airport (VRB), Vero Beach, Florida, and its planned destination was the New Century Air Center Airport (IXD), Olathe, Kansas.

According to preliminary information provided by Air Traffic Control (ATC), the pilot was beginning to descend to set up his approach to IXD. Passing through about 17,000 feet msl, the pilot told the ATC controller that he was having problems retarding the power on the right engine. Passing through about 13,200 feet msl, the pilot told the controller that he was going to lower the landing gear and continue to proceed direct to IXD, and stated that he would have to shut down the right engine when he was in range of the airport. Passing through about 12,900 feet msl, The pilot told the controller that the right engine was still stuck at full power, and that he was going to have to shut the right engine down. Passing through about 7,800 feet msl, the pilot requested to change his destination to the nearest airport. The controller advised the pilot that the nearest airport was Butler Memorial Airport (BUM), about 8 miles away, and gave the pilot a vector to BUM.

Passing through about 6,200 feet msl, the controller asked the pilot to change frequencies and the pilot acknowledged but did not have the airport in sight. The controller issued another vector toward BUM. Passing through about 5,400 feet msl, the pilot told the controller that he still did not have the airport in sight, and a few seconds later told the controller that he had the airport in sight. Passing through about 4,000 feet msl, the controller advised the pilot of a possible tailwind if landing on runway 18 at BUM, and the pilot responded that he would go-around and set up for runway 36. Passing through about 2,900 feet msl, the controller asked the pilot if he had the airport in sight, and the pilot responded to standby and said, "I am trying to get this thing under control." Passing through about 1,800 feet msl, the pilot told the

controller that, "she's going down," and stated that he was going to try to land on highway 69. The last radar information showed the airplane about 1,700 feet msl.

A witness near the accident site saw the airplane at low altitude, nosing down toward a field. Evidence at the accident site showed that the airplane impacted a 75-foot tall grain silo and fell to the ground. The grain silo was located about one mile from a highway, and about 4 miles from BUM. Local residents responded to the accident site and reported the accident.

The wreckage was moved to a secure facility and detailed examinations of the airframe fuel system and engines were conducted. Examinations of the engine accessories are ongoing.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N622MM
Model/Series:	425 No Series	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	BUM	Observation Time:	1015 CDT
Distance from Accident Site:		Temperature/Dew Point:	26° C / 20° C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	4 knots / , 90°
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Departure Point:	Vero Beach, FL (VRB)	Destination:	Olathe, KS (IXD)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	38.350278, -94.340278

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Alexander Lemishko
Additional Participating Persons:	William Taylor; FAA FSDO; Kansas City, MO Pete Bassili; Cessna; Wichita, KS Marc Gratton; Pratt & Whitney; Montreal, FN
Note:	The NTSB traveled to the scene of this accident.