



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

<b>Location:</b>	Rogers, MN	<b>Accident Number:</b>	CEN20FA096
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	02/22/2020, 1111 CST	<b>Registration:</b>	N3266Q
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Beech A36	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On February 22, 2020, about 1111 central standard time, a Beech A36 airplane, N3266Q, was destroyed after impacting terrain near Rogers, Minnesota. The pilot was fatally injured. The airplane was registered to and operated by the pilot as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight. Day visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident, and no flight plan was filed. The flight departed from Flying Cloud Airport (FCM), Eden Prairie, Minnesota, about 1100 and was destined for Breezy Point Airport (8MN3), Breezy Point, Minnesota.

According to air traffic control (ATC) data, after departure the airplane turned north and climbed to 2,000 ft mean sea level (msl). While cruising at 170 knots groundspeed, the airplane climbed to 2,300 ft msl and decelerated to 100 knots groundspeed, then began a descending left turn to 190°. The airplane descended on this heading for 30 seconds at 70 to 75 knots groundspeed. At 1,100 ft msl, which was about 200 ft agl, the airplane turned right, and the last ATC data recorded at 1110:43 was 1,000 ft msl, 72 knots groundspeed and 243°.

A witness observed the airplane turning at low altitude. He subsequently noticed the airplane's bank angle increase and a rapid descent. The airplane impacted into a forested area and a postcrash fire ensued. Flight control continuity was established for the ailerons, rudder, and elevators. The engine was retained for further examination.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Beech	<b>Registration:</b>	N3266Q
<b>Model/Series:</b>	A36	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No		
<b>Operator:</b>	On file	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KMIC, 861 ft msl	Observation Time:	1053 CST
Distance from Accident Site:	14 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	1°C / -3°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots / , 170°
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.97 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Minneapolis, MN (FCM)	Destination:	Breezy Point, MN (8MN3)

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	On-Ground
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	45.198056, -93.652778

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Michael J Folkerts
Additional Participating Persons:	Nikolas Halatsis; Flight District Standards Office; Minneapolis, MN Mike Council; Continental Aerospace Technologies; Mobile, AL Andrew Hall; Textron Aviation; Wichita, KS
Note:	The NTSB traveled to the scene of this accident.