



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

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<b>Location:</b>	Lake Tahoe, CA	<b>Accident Number:</b>	WPR20LA212
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	07/07/2020, 1523 PDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N6328D
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Cessna 172	<b>Injuries:</b>	2 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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On July 7, 2020, about 1523 Pacific daylight time, a Cessna 172N airplane, N6328D, was destroyed when it was involved in an accident near South Lake Tahoe, California. The pilot sustained fatal injuries; the passenger sustained serious injuries to which she succumbed to 5 days later. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

The airplane departed Lake Tahoe Airport (TVL) South Lake Tahoe, California, shortly before the accident. A witness observed the airplane flying at about 200 ft above ground level and heard the engine producing a sputtering sound consistent with losing and gaining power. The left wing tip struck a tree and the airplane aggressively yawed while continuing to fly low in a southerly direction until it disappeared from the witness's line of sight. The airplane wreckage was discovered about 2.5 nautical miles southwest of the departure end of runway 18.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Cessna	<b>Registration:</b>	N6328D
<b>Model/Series:</b>	172 N	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No		
<b>Operator:</b>		<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Condition of Light:
Observation Facility, Elevation:	Observation Time:
Distance from Accident Site:	Temperature/Dew Point:
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction: / ,
Lowest Ceiling:	Visibility:
Altimeter Setting:	Type of Flight Plan Filed:
Departure Point:	Destination:

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	

## Administrative Information

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