



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	San Benito, TX	Accident Number:	CEN20LA346
Date & Time:	08/16/2020, 1300 CDT	Registration:	N3256V
Aircraft:	Beech 36	Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On August 16, 2020, about 1300 central daylight time, a Beech A36 airplane, N3256V, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near San Benito, Texas. The pilot was seriously injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

According to the pilot, shortly after takeoff from the Kornegay Private Airport (53XS), the engine lost partial power. He activated the electric fuel pump at which time the engine lost all power. The pilot attempted to return to his private airport but landed short with the landing gear retracted in a cotton field. The airplane's forward fuselage was substantially damaged.

The airplane and engine were recovered and will be examined.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Beech	Registration:	N3256V
Model/Series:	36 A36	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:	HRL, 36 ft msl	Observation Time:	1652 UTC
Distance from Accident Site:	6 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	33° C / 22° C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	8 knots / , 150°
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.01 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	San Benito, TX (53XS)	Destination:	Harlingen, TX (HRL)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	John M Brannen
Additional Participating Persons:	Richard Long; San Antonio FSDO; San Antonio, TX
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.