



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

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<b>Location:</b>	Lawrenceville, IL	<b>Accident Number:</b>	CEN20LA367
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	08/29/2020, 0123 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N607SR
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Cirrus SR22	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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On August 29, 2020, about 0123 central daylight time (CDT), a Cirrus SR22 airplane, N607SR, was destroyed when it was involved in an accident near Lawrenceville, Illinois. The pilot was fatally injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

According to preliminary air traffic control data, the airplane departed Peter O Knight Airport, Tampa, Florida, about 2046 eastern daylight time (EDT), and landed at the Sullivan County Airport (SIV), Sullivan, Indiana, about 0126 EDT. At 1411 EDT, the pilot departed SIV on an instrument flight rules (IFR) flight plan after refueling the airplane, en route to Lawrenceville-Vincennes International Airport (LWV), Lawrenceville, Illinois, which was located about 22 nautical miles south.

The airplane departed SIV to the north, turned left (south) toward LWV, and climbed to about 2,600 ft mean sea level. About 0117 CDT, the airplane began a descent toward LWV and the JEBDU waypoint. The controller asked the pilot to verify if he had the weather and NOTAMs at LWV and that he was requesting the RNAV GPS Runway 18 approach. The pilot verified he had the weather and NOTAMs, and the controller cleared the pilot for the approach starting at the JEBDU waypoint. The controller terminated radar service when the airplane was about 13 miles north of LWV and instructed the pilot to cancel the IFR flight plan in the air or on the ground at LWV. There were no further communications from the pilot to air traffic control. Multiple attempts to contact the pilot by air traffic control were unsuccessful, and an alert notice (ALNOT) was issued for the airplane.

According to law enforcement, due to fog conditions, air search and rescue efforts were not initially available until the weather conditions improved. The airplane was located by search and rescue personnel about 0730.

Examination of the accident site by a responding Federal Aviation Administration inspector revealed multiple tree impacts north of the main wreckage. Several sections of wing skin and wing spar debris were located between the tree impacts and the main wreckage. The debris path measured about 250 ft in length on a measured magnetic heading of 180°. The main wreckage came to rest in wooded terrain, and a post impact fire consumed a majority of the

fuselage, empennage, and fragmented wing sections. There was no evidence of an in-flight Cirrus Airframe Parachute System deployment.

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Cirrus	<b>Registration:</b>	N607SR
<b>Model/Series:</b>	SR22 NO SERIES	<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

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Instrument Conditions	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Night
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	LWV, 429 ft msl	<b>Observation Time:</b>	0137 CDT
<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	2 Nautical Miles	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	22° C / 22° C
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>		<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	Calm / ,
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	Broken / 200 ft agl	<b>Visibility:</b>	0.5 Miles
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29.74 inches Hg	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	IFR
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Sullivan, IN (SIV)	<b>Destination:</b>	Lawrenceville, IL (LWV)

### Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	On-Ground
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	38.789722, -87.605000

### Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Aaron M Sauer
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Nicholas Loftus; FAA; Springfield, IL Brannon Mayer; Cirrus Aircraft; Duluth, MN Kurt Gibson; Continental Aerospace Technologies; Mobile, AL
<b>Note:</b>	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.