

# **Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report**

| Location:               | Oshkosh, WI                          | Accident Number: | CEN24FA277 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Date & Time:            | July 22, 2024, 12:12 Local           | Registration:    | N18BG      |
| Aircraft:               | Lancair ES                           | Injuries:        | 2 Fatal    |
| Flight Conducted Under: | Part 91: General aviation - Personal |                  |            |

On July 22, 2024, about 1212 central daylight time a Lancair ES, N18BG, was destroyed when it was involved in an accident near Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The pilot and pilot rated passenger were fatally injured. The airplane was operated under the provisions of Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 as a personal flight.

According to a preliminary review of Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) data, the airplane departed Trenton Mercer Airport (TTN), Trenton, New Jersey, about 0704 and flew to Hartford Municipal Airport (HXF), Hartford, Wisconsin. The airplane departed HXF about 1145.

A preliminary review of air traffic control recordings and ADS-B data illustrated that the airplane was on the Fisk arrival when the air traffic controller instructed the pilot to widen his turn for a L-29 and a L-39 that were landing in front of him. The pilot acknowledged "in sight" and then initiated a left turn. The pilot was then cleared to land on the yellow dot on runway 36L and he acknowledged the clearance.

The airplane impacted a soybean field south of Road N, about 1.5 miles from the approach end of runway 36L. A postimpact fire ensued and destroyed the airplane.

The airplane impacted on an approximate heading of 060° and came to rest on that same heading. The main wreckage included the fuselage, empennage, and both wings. An examination of the airplane revealed flight control continuity to both ailerons, the elevator, and the rudder.

The airplane was recovered from the accident site and retained for further examination.

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

| Aircraft Make:        | Lancair | Registration:                     | N18BG    |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Model/Series:         | ES      | Aircraft Category:                | Airplane |
| Amateur Built:        | Yes     |                                   |          |
| Operator:             | On file | Operating Certificate(s)<br>Held: | None     |
| Operator Decignator C | ada     |                                   |          |

Operator Designator Code:

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

| Conditions at Accident Site:                                     | VMC                              | Condition of Light:   | Day                     |
|--|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Observation Facility, Elevation:                                 | KOSH,785 ft msl                  | Observation Time:   | 11:53 Local             |
| Distance from Accident Site:                                     | 3 Nautical Miles                 | Temperature/Dew Point:  | 27°C /15°C              |
| Lowest Cloud Condition:  | Clear                            | Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:  | 1,                      |
| Lowest Ceiling:  | None                             | Visibility:   | 10 miles                |
| Altimeter Setting:   | 30.05 inches Hg                  | Type of Flight Plan Filed:  | None                    |
| Departure Point:   | Hartford, WI                     | Destination:  | Oshkosh, WI (OSH)       |
| Lowest Cloud Condition:<br>Lowest Ceiling:<br>Altimeter Setting: | Clear<br>None<br>30.05 inches Hg | Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:<br>Visibility:<br>Type of Flight Plan Filed: | / ,<br>10 miles<br>None |

## Wreckage and Impact Information

| Crew Injuries:      | 1 Fatal | Aircraft Damage:     | Destroyed          |
|---------------------|---------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Passenger Injuries: | 1 Fatal | Aircraft Fire:       | On-ground          |
| Ground Injuries:    |         | Aircraft Explosion:  | None               |
| Total Injuries:     | 2 Fatal | Latitude, Longitude: | 43.94234,-88.55685 |

#### **Administrative Information**

| Investigator In Charge (IIC):     | Rodi, Jennifer  |
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| Additional Participating Persons: | Tim Spreen; FAA FSDO; Milwaukee, WI<br>Peter Hupfer; FAA FSDO; Mikewaukee, WI |
| Investigation Class:              | <u>Class 3</u>  |
| Note:                             |   |