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Plane Crash Lands In Water Near Yankeetown



Two people suffered no injuries when the airplane they in which they were traveling landed in the Gulf of Mexico just off of Levy County Road 40 about a half-mile from the coast of Yankeetown. The LCSO dispatch received a call about the crash landing at 8:45 p.m. on Wednesday (April 19). Riley Gordon, 19, of Longwood was flying the 1978 Cessna that he had rented from Orlando, Levy County Sheriff's Office spokesman Lt. Scott Tummond said. Heather Souchik, 18, of Cape Coral was a passenger in the plane, Tummond said. The plane took off from Cedar Key Airport and it was bound for Sanford, Tummond said. The plane had engine failure at 5,500 feet in the air, and the pilot successfully completed a landing in the water, Tummond said. Members of the United States Coast Guard Yankeetown Station rescued the two and brought them to shore. Marine units from the Levy County Sheriff's Office and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office responded, Tummond said. An LCSO land-based deputy was on hand to take care of any traffic issues that might have resulted from people coming to see a plane partially submerged. (Thanks to Jack Schofield for sending in the photo to *HardisonInk.com*.)

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Four Dead In Williston Plane Crash



At 1:12 p.m. on Easter Sunday (April 16), the Williston Police Department received a report of a plane crash at the Williston Municipal Airport WPD Chief Dennis Strow noted in an email press release. Upon arrival of the police officers, Williston Fire Rescue and the Levy County Department of Public Safety's EMS, they discovered the crash was located on at the tree line on the north side of the taxiway at the easternmost part of the airport. The responders checked the wreckage and determined that all four passengers of the plane were dead. The plane is a 1948 Cessna C-170 Taildragger and registered in Texas. Representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board are responsible for investigating the crash, Strow said.



Updated - A previously taken photo (selfie) of the family who perished in the airplane crash this weekend at the Williston Airport. The pilot was Nathan J. Enders, 37, his wife Laura A. Enders, 42, and the couple's two sons Jaden Enders, 7, and Eli Enders age 5. Enders was an experienced pilot and the family resided in Williamson, Ga.

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