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Media Release

Incident Date: August 14, 2010
Incident Time: 8:30 PM
Incident Location: Rte 35, Harrison

Release Date: August 15, 2010
Release Time: 8:40AM

Incident Synopsis:

At approximately 8:30 PM last night, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office received a call from the Sanford Police Department who had received a call from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of a plane that had not returned to the Limington Airport.

A pilot operating a 1946 vintage Taylorcraft (small) plane had left Limington Airport at approximately 09:30 AM on August 14, 2010 and was flying to a small private airstrip in Harrison to pick up a friend, before going on a scenic flight in the area. When the pilot or his friend did not return home last night, their family members became concerned and called the Limington Airport. The airport was checked and the pilot's plane was not back and his vehicle was still parked where he left it earlier in the day. The landing strip in Harrison was also checked and the passenger's vehicle was also still parked at that location.

Sheriff's Deputies and Game Wardens searched a densely wooded area off Rte 35 in Harrison after obtaining a signal from the pilot's cellular telephone. The ground search was called off at approximately 03:00AM this morning, due to darkness and the dense wooded area.

At approximately 06:00AM this morning, while a plane from the Maine Warden Service was conducting an aerial search, members of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, the Maine Warden Service, the Maine State Police and the Maine Civil Air Patrol were beginning a ground search, when they located the missing plane which had crashed. The occupants were deceased and it appears that the pilot might have tried to land his plane in a field, but in doing so struck some trees.

The identity of the victims are not being released pending notification. The pilot, 68 years of age is from Naples. The passenger, 73 years of age is from Harrison.

The crash is being investigated by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and the FAA.

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