

PRELIMINARY REPORT

N51157 ACCIDENT AT TINSON PEN

AUGUST 15, 2024

Synopsis

On August 15, 2024, a Piper Seneca PA-34 aircraft veered off the runway while landing at the Tinson Pen Aerodrome. This resulted in a crash, with the aircraft coming to rest beside a hangar at the facility.

Flight Details

- **Date:** August 15, 2024
- **Time:** 12:49 PM local time
- **Aircraft:** Piper Seneca PA-34
- **Registration:** N51157
- **Persons on Board:** 2
- **Origin:** Sangster International Airport (SIA)
- **Destination:** Tinson Pen Aerodrome (TPN)

Details

On August 15, 2024, at approximately 12:49 PM local time, a Piper Seneca PA-34 aircraft, registered N51157, experienced a runway excursion, while landing on runway 14. During the excursion, the aircraft, which had previously departed the SIA en route to TPN, flipped and came to rest beside a hangar at Tinson Pen. The aircraft was substantially damaged.

The pilot, a Jamaican national, and the passenger, a non-Jamaican, were able to exit the aircraft independently, following the accident. They were taken to the Kingston Public Hospital, where they were treated and released. The pilot was also advised to visit the office of Civil Aviation Medical Examiner/Assessor for substance testing.

Follow Up Actions

On August 15, 2024, at approximately 1:30 PM, the JCAA dispatched a team of inspectors from the Operations and Airworthiness units to initiate an investigation. They were later joined by inspectorate personnel from the Aerodromes, Security and Dangerous Goods units.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Miami field office, the United States National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Mexico office were promptly apprised of the situation.

Aircraft Status

Due to the runway excursion and the substantial damage to the aircraft, the incident has been declared an accident. Arrangements have been made through the Airports Authority of Jamaica (AAJ) and our contracted security provider to secure the wreckage. The AAJ will also provide a suitable location at Tinson Pen to house the wreckage, to facilitate further investigations.

Aircraft movement data indicates that the aircraft travelled from Miami (Miami Executive Airport) to Sangster International Airport on August 14, 2024. Between August 2023 and August 14, 2024, the aircraft has not been outside the United States.

Safety Investigation

Based on the substantial damage and accident declaration mentioned above, a formal investigation team will be recommended to conduct an in-depth accident investigation.

Arrangements have been made for the pilot and passenger to be interviewed at the JCAA offices on August 16, 2024.

Timelines for completing this investigation cannot be determined at this time. However, updated reports will be provided as the investigation progresses and significant information is available.