



Aviation Investigation Notification

Location:	Knoxville, TN	Accident Number:	ERA26LA128
Date & Time:	February 12, 2026, 12:45 Local	Registration:	N1988L
Aircraft:	Beech C23	Injuries:	1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

The NTSB is conducting a [Class 4 investigation](#) into this event. A preliminary report will not be issued but a final report will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Beech	Registration:	N1988L
Model/Series:	C23	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	PORTAL PLANES LLC	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KDKX, 833 ft msl	Observation Time:	12:35 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	9°C / -4°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.26 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	NONE
Departure Point:	Knoxville, TN	Destination:	Knoxville, TN

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	35.964032,-83.873891 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Wait, Dennis
Additional Participating Persons:	Gary Austin; FAA; Nashville, TN
Investigation Class:	Class 4
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.