

## N51157 AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION UPDATE

August 15, 2025

Investigations continue into the aircraft accident involving Piper PA-34-T200 a twin engine Seneca, registered N51157 at Tinson Pen Aerodrome (MKTP) on August 15, 2024. The Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA), which has the responsibility for the investigation has indicated that they are awaiting the report of the right engine teardown examination to complete the Airworthiness Group Report. This will form the basis for the preparation of the Draft Final Report. The Draft Final Report is expected to be completed within 8 weeks of receipt of the engine teardown report.

Once the Draft Final Report is completed, it will be sent out as a confidential document to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) of the United States of America (U.S.A), which in this case represents the State of Registry, Design and Manufacture. The NTSB will then be invited to distribute the report to its technical advisors and send any comments within 60 days to the Investigator-In-Charge for his consideration. Thereafter, the Final Report will be prepared for submission to the Minister.

Preliminary factual reports submitted by the investigating team have revealed the following:

- The Piper Seneca PA-34-200T twin engine aircraft operated in the private category took off from Sangster International Airport (MKJS) at 17:10 Z enroute to MKTP on a Visual Flight Rules Flight Plan.
- At 17:47:10 N51157 informed Tinson Pen Air Traffic Advisory that they were at 800ft on final for runway 14.
- The aircraft landed just past the Threshold then bounced twice and became airborne veering right in the vicinity of Taxiway Charley after which the right wing of the aircraft impacted the ground causing the aircraft to become inverted and came

to rest against the National Bakery Hangar located just east of the Tinson Pen Fire Station.

- Both Pilots exited the aircraft and were assisted to Kingston Public Hospital where they were seen and released that evening.
- The aircraft was substantially damaged from the impact with the ground and the hangar.
- The Aircraft was manufactured by Piper Aircraft Corporation in 1979.
- The aircraft came to rest inverted, and all four corners of the aircraft were observed at the crash site. The engines and propellers were attached to the wings.
- The Meteorological Service Report at the time was:

Clouds – Scattered at 2200 feet  
Winds – 210 @ 6kts  
QNH – 1012 HPa  
Temperature – 34C  
Dew Point – 26C

- There was no reported unserviceability of any aeronautical mobile or aeronautical fixed service communications systems on the day of the accident.
- Both engines were removed. The right engine was sent for teardown examination at the engine manufacturer's facility in Mobile, Alabama, U.S.A.

The JCAA continues its investigation of this event and will provide additional updates as progress is made.