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Media Release Plane Crash at CD'A Airport May 8, 2017 / 1:40 PM

Hayden, Idaho: Shortly before 1:40 pm Deputies from the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office and Northern Lakes Fire personnel were dispatched to the CD'A Airport reference an airplane crash.

Upon their arrival, first responders located a small personally owned single engine aircraft with extensive damage to the engine area and right wing. The pilot was identified as Frank G. Gordon -61 of Coeur d'Alene, ID. Gordon was the only occupant of the aircraft at the time of the crash. Gordon was conscience and alert when medical personnel arrived with obvious minor injuries sustained in the crash. Gordon was transported to Kootenai Health by medical personnel for treatment of his injuries.

Preliminary interviews indicate Gordon was likely taking off from the CD'A Airport when the crash occurred. Witnesses advised the plane had taken off but then, for unknown reasons, abruptly crashed. The airplane came to rest along a taxiway, within the airport's fenced property, near Ramsey Rd. and Wyoming Ave.

The local office of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the local office of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have both been notified of this incident. The NTSB will be the lead agency investigating this incident.

Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff

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