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NTSB TO INVESTIGATE DESTIN AREA PLANE CRASH

The National Transportation Safety Board will investigate a fatal plane crash that occurred in Choctawhatchee Bay Tuesday, November 23rd, around 7:40 p.m.

Three bodies had been recovered from the aircraft, a PA 46, as of 11 p.m. Tuesday night. There was no confirmation at that time as to the total number of passengers believed on board.

Initial reports indicate the small aircraft lost radio contact with Eglin Air Force Base while approaching the Destin Airport for a landing from the west. Destin Coast Guard crewmembers located the aircraft around 8:20 p.m. It had gone down in about five feet of water, approximately two hundred yards from shore in Joe's Bayou. Members of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and its Dive Team, as well as officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, also responded to the scene to assist.

Members of the NTSB are expected to arrive in Okaloosa County Wednesday.

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