

**CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE****Troop K**15 Old Hartford Rd.  
Colchester, Connecticut 06415

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**NEWS RELEASE****Aircraft Accident**

12-05-04 at approx. 1157 hrs

Windham Airport Rte 6 Windham, Ct.

Reported to Troop K Colchester by WW Emergency Dispatch of Willimantic of an aircraft attempting to land at the Windham Airport having problems with the landing gear.

The North Windham Fire Department, Willimantic Fire Department Ambulance and Windham Community Hospital Paramedics were dispatch to the Airport to prepare for the emergency landing of the aircraft.

The aircraft being a single engine 1974 Beechcraft landed on the main runway with two of the three landing gear wheels in tact. A wheel from under one side of the wing had broken off while attempting to land the first time, during this first attempt the wheel broke off. The pilot immediately gained control and continued to power up to avoid the landing. The second attempted landing was performed with two wheels. The pilot is identified as LAWSON Graham L DOB 4/3/57 of Patterson, NY. No passengers on the plane.

State Police personnel on the scene secured the plane pending the arrival of the FAA. Personnel from the State of CT Dept of Transportation and FAA enroute to the scene.

Airport was closed until the plane was removed from the runway at approx. 1615 hrs.

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