

Bay Area duo ID'd as SLT plane crash victims

The two people who died in Saturday night's plane crash were from the Bay Area.

Conrad Yu, 73, of Oakley was the owner and pilot of the Beech 35 Bonanza. His passenger was Mary Choy, 66, of San Francisco.

The aircraft was taking off from Lake Tahoe Airport just after 5:30pm Oct. 10 when it banked left and landed next to a house on Tionontati Street in El Dorado County.

Witnesses said the aircraft was making noises as though something was wrong.

The plane pieces, which were initially stuck in a tree behind the house and scattered about the yard, have been removed. The National Transportation Safety Board took them to a secure location to determine if there were mechanical or structural issues with the plane.

NTSB officials often take a year to release a report stating the cause of any plane crash.

The plane erupted into flames and caught part of the house on fire. The two people and a dog who were renting the house escaped without injury.

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