

Michael Reinhard

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Two Are Killed In Jet Crash

An England Air Force Base A-37 training jet with two men aboard crashed near the base about 3:00 PM Thursday, killing both crewmen.

The two were identified as Capt. Michael Reinhard, 26, of Danbury, CT, and 2nd Lieutenant David L Brockway, 23, of Cedar Rapids, IA. Reinhard was an instructor-pilot and Brockway a student-pilot.

An Air Base spokesman said the plane crashed on takeoff into a wooded, swampy area about 2 miles southwest of the base runway.

A rescue helicopter and a disaster preparedness team went to the scene.

No determination has been made as to the cause of the accident. The base spokesman said the pilots had told the base tower they were experiencing engine trouble on takeoff.

A board of officers is investigating the crash.

The aircraft was on a training mission to Peason Gunnery Range near Ft. Polk, the base reported.