

ZODIAC CH-601XL

Modesto businessman Chuck Billington and flight instructor Dave Mesenhimer were killed in February 2006 when Billington's Zodiac CH-601XL crashed near Oakdale.

■ The families of Billington and Mesenhimer are suing the manufacturers of the home-built plane.

■ The National Transportation Safety Board says the two-seat plane had design flaws that can cause its wings to flutter and break.

■ Eight other people have died in five crashes since the one that killed Mesenhimer and Billington.

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