

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location Nearest City/Place: <u>Honolulu</u> State: <u>HI</u> ZIP: <u>33130</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Latitude: <u>25.541773</u> Longitude: <u>-80.535879</u> (Enter in decimal degrees or degrees minutes seconds)		Accident/Incident Date/Time Date: <u>01/19/2020</u> Local Time: <u>7:30 AM</u> mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: <u>Eastern</u>	
Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None			

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: <u>N920TC</u> Manufacturer: <u>Thunderbolt</u> Model: <u>AX-9-140</u> Serial Number: <u>1483</u> Year of Manufacture: <u>1989</u> Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No <i>If Yes:</i> ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Make: ☐ Original Design		☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified ☐ Commercial Space Flight ☐ Unmanned Aircraft Maximum Gross Weight: <u>2300</u> lbs Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: <u>1650</u> lbs Number of Seats: _____ Flight Crew Seats: _____ Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: _____ Number of Engines: _____	
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Category of Aircraft ☐ Airplane ☒ Balloon ☐ Blimp/Dirigible ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Rocket ☐ Ultralight ☐ Unknown	Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply) <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th>Standard</th> <th>Special</th> </tr> <tr> <td> ☐ Normal ☐ Aerobatic ☒ Balloon ☐ Commuter ☐ Transport ☐ Utility </td> <td> ☐ Restricted ☐ Limited ☐ Provisional ☐ Special Flight ☐ Experimental ☐ Special Light-Sport ☐ Experimental Light-Sport </td> </tr> </table> ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ None ☐ Unknown	Standard	Special	☐ Normal ☐ Aerobatic ☒ Balloon ☐ Commuter ☐ Transport ☐ Utility	☐ Restricted ☐ Limited ☐ Provisional ☐ Special Flight ☐ Experimental ☐ Special Light-Sport ☐ Experimental Light-Sport	Landing Gear (Check all that apply) ☐ Retractable ☐ Tricycle ☐ Amphibian ☐ Emergency Float ☐ Float ☐ Hull ☐ Other Launch/Recovery System ☒ None ☐ Unknown	Engine Type (Select one) ☐ Reciprocating ☐ Liquid Rocket ☐ Turbo Shaft ☐ Solid Rocket ☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Hybrid Rocket ☐ Turbo Jet ☐ None ☐ Turbo Fan ☐ Unknown ☐ Electric Fuel System Type (Reciprocating) ☐ Carburetor ☐ Fuel-Injected
Standard	Special						
☐ Normal ☐ Aerobatic ☒ Balloon ☐ Commuter ☐ Transport ☐ Utility	☐ Restricted ☐ Limited ☐ Provisional ☐ Special Flight ☐ Experimental ☐ Special Light-Sport ☐ Experimental Light-Sport						

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Serial	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm dd yyyy	Rated Power ☐ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours) Overhaul (hours)
Eng 1							
Eng 2							
Eng 3							
Eng 4							

Last Inspection Type ☐ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection ☐ Annual ☐ Unknown Date Last Inspection: _____ mm/dd/yyyy Airframe Total Time: _____ hrs hours measured at (Select one) ☐ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident	Propeller 1 ☐ Fixed Pitch ☐ Controllable Pitch ☐ Ground Adjustable Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	Propeller 2 ☐ Fixed Pitch ☐ Controllable Pitch ☐ Ground Adjustable Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____
Type of Maintenance Program (Select one) ☒ Annual ☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only) ☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program ☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP) ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ Other, specify: _____	ELT Installed: ☐ Yes ☒ No <i>If Yes:</i> ELT Manufacturer: _____ Model or Part No.: _____ TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz) ☐ C126 (406 MHz) Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☐ Yes ☐ No Did ELT Activate? ☐ Yes ☐ No <i>If activated:</i> Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No <i>If not activated:</i> Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage ☐ Fire Damage ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged ☐ Unknown	
Description of Fire Extinguishing System ☐ None ☒ Specify: <u>canister</u>	Additional Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ ADS-B ☐ Airframe Parachute ☐ Angle of Attack Indicator ☐ Autopilot ☐ Data Recorder ☐ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device ☐ Electronic Multifunction Display ☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display ☒ Handheld GPS ☐ Heads Up Display ☐ Onboard Weather ☐ Satellite Tracking Device ☐ Stall Warning System ☐ Video Recording Device ☐ Other, Specify: _____	

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Mark KesterCity: MiamiState: FLZIP: 33177Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCountry: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☒ Same As Registered Owner☒ Same Address as Registered Owner

Name: _____

City: _____

Doing Business As: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____

Country: _____

Operating Certificates Held

(Check all that apply)

- ☒ None
☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121)
☐ Supplemental
☐ Air Cargo
☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129)
☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133)
☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)
☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135)
☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136)
☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137)
☐ Pilot School (FAR 141)
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ Commercial Space Transportation
Experimental Permit
☐ Commercial Space Transportation License
☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft

Regulation Flight Conducted Under

- ☒ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415
☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431
☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435
☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437

☐ FAR 91 Special Flight
☐ Non-US, Commercial
☐ Non-US, Non-commercial

- ☐ Public Aircraft (Select one)
☐ Armed Forces
☐ Federal
☐ State
☐ Local
☐ Unknown

Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135

(Select one for each group)

- ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic
☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International

☒ Passenger
☐ Cargo
☐ Mail Contract Only

Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137

(Select one)

- ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Firefighting ☐ Unknown
☒ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test
☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow
☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional
☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use
☐ Business ☐ Personal
☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning
☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving
☐ Ferry

Revenue Sightseeing Flight☒ Yes ☐ No**Air Medical Flight**☐ Yes ☒ No**AIRPORT INFORMATION** (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)

Airport Name: _____

Airport Identifier: _____

Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Airport Elevation: _____ ft. msl

Runway Information

Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft
☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)

- ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach
☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around
☐ Initial Climb ☐ Final ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ VOR/TWOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ RNAV ☐ Circling
☐ Unknown

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Stop and Go
☐ Straight-In ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Unknown

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 1" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 1" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☒ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 1" was pilot flying ☒ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 1" Identification

First Name: Mark

City of Residence: Miami

Middle Initial: S

State: FL ZIP: 33177

Last Name: Kersten

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 56 Date of Birth: [REDACTED] /dd/yyyy

Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

Degree of Injury

☒ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Restraint Type

Available
☒ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown
Used
☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Inflatable Restraints

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☒ Flight Instructor ☒ Commercial ☐ US Military
☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign
☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer

Principal Occupation

☒ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☐ Class 3
☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☒ Class 2 ☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate Validity

☒ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

Date of Last Medical

08/15/2017
mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

None

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:

09/27/2017
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Wheeler Matic
Model: AX-11

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ None
☐ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airship
☒ Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airplane Single-Engine
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Helicopter
☐ Glider
☐ Sport

Type Ratings

Lighter than Air
Cats balloons

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										881
Pilot in Command (PIC)										856
Time as Instructor										12
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days										11
Last 30 Days										2
Last 24 Hours										0

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☐ Pilot
 ☐ Co-Pilot
 ☐ Student Pilot
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Check Pilot
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____ Date of Birth: _____ mm/dd/yyyy
 Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single	Restraint Type <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ None</td> <td>☐ None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Lap only</td> <td>☐ Lap only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 3-point</td> <td>☐ 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 4-point</td> <td>☐ 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 5-point</td> <td>☐ 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Unknown</td> <td>☐ Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	Available	Used	☐ None	☐ None	☐ Lap only	☐ Lap only	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point	☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
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☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point																
☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown																
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer		Medical Certificate Validity ☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown ☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A ☐ Special Issuance															
Principal Occupation ☐ Pilot ☐ Other ☐ Unknown	Medical Certificate ☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only) ☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown	Date of Last Medical _____ mm/dd/yyyy															

Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks: _____ mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____
 Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot in Command (PIC)										
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)									
Crew Name and Address					Seat Occupied		Injury		
First Name: <u>Mark S.</u> City of Residence: <u>Miami</u> Middle Initial: <u>S.</u> State: <u>FL</u> ZIP: <u>33177</u> Last Name: <u>Kersten</u> Country: <u>USA</u>					☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		☒ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown		
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)					Restraint Type:		Inflatable Restraints		
☐ None ☒ Flight Instructor ☒ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer					Available: ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used: ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown		
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No				Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: <u>381</u> hrs					
Crew Name and Address					Seat Occupied		Injury		
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____					☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown		
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)					Restraint Type:		Inflatable Restraints		
☐ None ☒ Flight Instructor ☒ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer					Available: ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used: ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown		
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No				Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs					
PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew, continue on separate sheet if necessary)									
Name and Address			Seat	Injury	Restraint Type		Inflatable Restraints	Age	
First Name: <u>Gina</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other			☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available: ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used: ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: <u>Vazquez</u> Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other			☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available: ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used: ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: <u>Dominguez</u> Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other			☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available: ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used: ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
First Name: <u>Karen</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: <u>Smith</u> Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other			☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available: ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used: ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION			
Last Departure Point Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	Time of Departure Time: <u>6:49 AM</u> Time Zone: <u>Eastern</u>	Destination Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	Type Flight Plan Filed ☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise ☒ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA			
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply) ☐ Class A ☒ Class G ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Special ☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Unknown ☐ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ TRSA ☐ FAR 93 ☒ Class E <u>NOT G</u> ☐ Restricted Area			
Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: <u>20</u> ft msl			
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE			
Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply) ☐ National Weather Service ☒ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ On-Board Weather		Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>Miami Flight Service</u> Observation Time: <u>07:10 EST</u> Time Zone: <u>EST</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>7</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>020</u> degrees true	
Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night	
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☒ Clear ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown ☐ Scattered Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl		Ceiling ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl	
Wind Direction ☐ Variable -or- Direction: <u>100</u> degrees true		Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>3</u> kts	
Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts		Visibility <u>10</u> miles <u>CAVU</u> RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft	
Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown		Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals	
Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown			
Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	
Turbulence Type (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☒ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence Severity ☒ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme			
NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident: <u>None/A</u>			

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None ☐ Substantial
☒ Minor ☐ Destroyed
 ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property (Use additional sheet if necessary)

SEVERAL OF THE WIRE CABLES WERE SEVERED.
SOME PANELS DAMAGED AT THE MOUTH

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT (Please type or print in ink)

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

checked weather from several sites at least five times. Called Flight Service. Great morning. Clear and cool. surface winds showing 100 @ 3 mph. Aloft showed single digit six mph. Picked up passengers and headed to the launch site where we released a Chinese wish lantern. They are festive and true. Inflated. Passengers were given a very thorough safety briefing. Away we went. Three chase vehicles. Beautiful morning with the sun coming up over the ocean. I had the landing field in sight right along the everglades when I started descending all of a sudden. I applied both engines full blast. NO reaction, still descending. When I realized that we were not going clear the lines I told everyone to hunker into their compartments and I opened up the top vent all the way. we were about 20' up when

There was a SPARK and a FLASH.
I honestly thought that that was it!
The basket slid gently to the ground
there were some small beush, scrub
like trees that we eased into. the
smart fella was curled up in a ball
in his compartment. The crew arrived
in seconds. Ems arrived quickly thanks
to the crew thinking on their feet.
That's about it. I've relived it about
4 million times.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

My whole approach has Always been ARE the conditions such that I would feel comfortable flying my own family.

I had an eye on the weather days prior and called into flight service that morning. There was one thing that said don't fly. It was a beautiful morning. we released a pibal at the launch site. Direction and speed looked favorable. flying along about halfway I switched over to full tanks (full pressure). I could have flown much higher but the cumulus were looming ahead. I didn't want to end up out there. The surface wind was calm. The winds were pushed down

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)

Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

Total Time/Cycles
On Part____ Hours
____ CyclesTime Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled

____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATIONFuel on Board at Last Takeoff
(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

60 Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ Jet B
☐ 100 Low Lead ☐ Jet A ☐ JP8
☐ 100/130 ☐ Jet A-1 ☐ Automotive

☒ Other, specify Propane

Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFTWas an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Exit - Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location

OTHER AIRCRAFT - COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft

☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor
☐ Substantial ☐ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Name: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

We are taught at all the safety Seminars that if it looks like you aren't going to clear the lines open the top to be as close to the ground as possible. That is what I did.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Date of this Report

02/16/2020
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator:

MARK S. KERSTEN

Signature:

-- or --

☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-- or --

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NTSB Accident/Incident No.

ERA20LA094

Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office

ASHBURN, VA

Name of Investigator

T. GUNTHER

Date Report Received

2/16/20