



NTSB Memorandum for Record

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Narrative: *(The following is a local public news review of the accident that occurred with N385MU):*

A SlipStream Genesis 2-seat plane clipped the roof of a home and hit a tree on East J Street in Tehachapi Thursday afternoon before crashing in the street.

The pilot and his passenger were able to walk away uninjured from the 5:35 p.m. crash outside 327 E. J St., not far from Tehachapi Municipal Airport.

“The wind got the better of me and the near death experience is pretty interesting,” pilot Archie Peterson said. “I tried to level out before the crash into the house and aimed for the tree. I thought we were dead and I pulled the yoke as far as I could to get the elevation leveled out, which saved our life. I hit the tree with the wing and we spun and landed.”

Tehachapi Police Chief Kent Kroeger said his office learned the plane was being taken for a test flight before a possible purchase.

The plane took off and turned around in order to land and the wind caused it to crash, the chief said. The plane came to rest against a curb and toppled some tree branches on East J Street near Mojave Street.

TPD officers were holding the scene and waiting to see whether the National Transportation Safety Board would come to investigate, and then clean the area, which was taped off. Firefighters from the Kern County Fire Department also responded and assisted the pilot and his passenger.

The plane first hit the roof of the house on East J Street before hitting the tree in the front yard. It missed two power lines on the east side of Mojave Street and on the south side of J Street.

Peterson and his passenger declined transportation to a hospital.

Peterson, who said he has a pilot’s license and has been flying for 20 years, said they were up in the air only a few minutes.

A resident of the home, Donna Fritz, said, “I just got out of my car and heard a plane taking off and then it went to the right, left, right and then it hit the tree, but they were OK.”

She was home with her husband, grandson and a friend from work when the plane crashed.