

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: ENNIS State: MT
ZIP: 59729 Country: USA
Latitude: 44.421712 Longitude: 111.528543
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 7/17/2019 Local Time: 08:28
mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: MDT

Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N137C

Manufacturer: AVIAT

Model: HUSKY

Serial Number: 1453

Year of Manufacture: 1999

Amateur-Built: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Make: ☐ Original Design

- ☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified
☐ Commercial Space Flight
☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 1890 lbs
Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1700 lbs

Number of Seats: 2 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: 1 Passenger Seats: 1

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft

- ☒ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply)

- Standard**
☒ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☐ Utility
Special
☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☐ Experimental Light-Sport
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☒ None ☐ Unknown

Landing Gear

- (Check all that apply)
☐ Retractable
☐ Tricycle
☒ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian
☐ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float
☐ Skid
☐ Float
☐ Ski
☐ Hull
☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ 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

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	LYCOMING	O-360-A1P	RL-25536-36E	1999	180	3525	20	1525
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

- ☒ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection
☒ Annual ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: 06/20/2019

Airframe Total Time: 3525 hrs

hours measured at (Select one)

☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select one)

- ☒ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☒ Other, specify: 100 HR

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐ None
☒ Specify: HANDS HELD

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☒ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: MT

Model: MTV-15-B

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: AIRTEX

Model or Part No.: ELT 345

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

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If not activated:

- Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage
☒ Fire Damage
☐ Battery Expired/Damaged
☐ Unknown

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: JAMES OrtmanCity: BOZEMANState: MT ZIP: 59718Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCountry: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☒ Same As Registered Owner☒ Same Address as Registered OwnerName: _____
Doing Business As: Northern Wings Aviation LLCCity: BOZEMANState: MT ZIP: 59718Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): 5NWA729MCountry: USA**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
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown

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/TVOR ☐ 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: STEVE

Middle Initial: R

Last Name: NICOLL

City of Residence: Bozeman

State: MT ZIP: 59718

Country: USA
mm/dd/yyyy

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

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

6/24/2019
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations MUST WEAR CORRECTIVE LENSES FOR NEAR AND DISTANT VISION. VALID FOR 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING MONTH EXAMINED. NOT VALID FOR ANY CLASS AFTER 6/30/2020

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

[REDACTED]

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

04/04/2019
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: CESSNA
 Model: T-182

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

B 747-4 SA-227
 DC-10 EMB-500
 MD-11

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	18000	500	7000	3500	3500	4300	275			
Pilot in Command (PIC)	17500	500	6800	3000	3000					
Time as Instructor	2500	20	2000	0	50					
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	120	50	80	70						
Last 30 Days	40	25	25	20						
Last 24 Hours	0	0	0							

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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS *(Exclude of cabin crew, complete the following information)*

NA

Crew Name and Address		City of Residence:		State:		ZIP:		Country:		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____		City of Residence: _____ State: _____ Country: _____		State: _____ ZIP: _____		State: _____ ZIP: _____		Country: _____		☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Private ☐ Student		☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Recreational ☐ Sport		☐ Commercial ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Flight Engineer		☐ US Military ☐ Foreign				Restraint Type: Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>KBZN</u> City: <u>BELGRADE</u> State: <u>MT</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>0600</u> Time Zone: <u>MDT</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>KBZN</u> City: <u>BELGRADE</u> State: <u>MT</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Type Flight Plan Filed ☐ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☒ Company VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR Activated? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
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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	Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: <u>7800</u> ft msl
☐ Class B	☐ Demo Area	☐ Airport Advisory Area	☐ Air Traffic Control Area	
☐ Class C	☐ Warning Area	☐ Jet Training Area	☐ Unknown	
☐ Class D	☐ Prohibited Area	☐ TRSA		
☐ Class E	☐ Restricted Area	☐ FAR 93		

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 ☐ Company ☐ Military ☐ Internet ☐ None ☐ Unknown	Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>KBZN</u> Observation Time: <u>0600</u> Time Zone: <u>MDT</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>60</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>South</u> degrees true <u>180</u>
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Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown	Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night
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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	Temperature: _____ (C) or <u>70</u> (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>U/K</u> in. Hg or _____ MB
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Wind Direction ☒ Variable -or- Direction: _____ degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☒ Light and Variable -or- Speed: _____ kts	Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>40</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: <u>7800</u> ft
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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
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Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ N/A ☐ Trace ☐ Rime ☐ Light ☐ Clear ☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ N/A ☐ Trace ☐ Rime ☐ Light ☐ Clear ☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Turbulence Type (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence Severity ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme
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NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:

NONE

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)

AIRCRAFT LOST GEAR, BROKE WINGS
AND BURNED

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 location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

Survey of BMU 19A was scheduled for July 17, 2019 with a planned 0600 local time departure. After meeting the researcher at the hangar we discussed the radio telemetry unit and completed a safety briefing. We arrived on the survey area and began the survey from the North end at 0633 local. The survey proceeded uneventful with excellent flight conditions.

Approaching the final 5 minutes of our bear survey a bear was spotted. The first high recon identified a sow with at least 2 cubs but due to altitude, species was unclear. I established a rectangular flightpath to approach at a lower altitude heading downslope which we accomplished, positively identifying the sow as a Grizzly and noting that there were 3 COY. There was a short discussion whether this bear was collared and I set up for another pass to verify that it was not collared. Throughout the flight the wind had been minimal with very smooth flight conditions the entire survey. Based on this I felt that I could safely make a 180 degree path change for another low pass. In spite of the uphill path I felt I would have enough room to turn towards descending terrain following. Passing over the bear we confirmed that it was not collared. Although I should have simply allowed the field researcher to make this observation I was drawn into the visual of the bear and cubs and let myself be distracted from the terrain. When I looked up I felt my originally planned flightpath towards lower terrain required too steep a turn and I elected to make a right hand turn towards terrain that did not rise as high. A tailwind exacerbated the situation and my radius of turn was too great to complete. As we got through about 90 degrees of turn sinking air prevented me from gaining further separation with the terrain. I could see that we were going to impact, maintained flying speed and at approximately 150 degrees of turn from our low pass made contact, initially with alders and eventually with the downward sloped ground with wings level. On ground contact the undercarriage gave way, left wing made ground contact and the aircraft came to rest pointing approximately 70 degrees left of it's flightpath. I immediately got verbal confirmation that my passenger was OK. There were flames coming from the engine cowling left side as well as just inside the firewall by my left foot. I tried the door latch and it was jammed and asked my passenger if he could kick it open which he did quickly. As he kicked open the door I secured the main fuel shutoff, mixture control, electrical, grabbed the fire extinguisher and followed him out the aircraft. As I walked towards the left side of the engine to extinguish the fire, fuel from the left wing caught and the fire was instantly too large for the small hand extinguisher and we backed away.

We were not able to get cell coverage from our location near the aircraft so we walked uphill to see if coverage improved and also to locate an LZ in anticipation of a helicopter. We notified the field researchers agency as well as Northern Wings and updated them on our situation. Northern Wings had already been notified both as part of our company AFF notification process as well as activation of the ELT. Northern Wings accomplished the required notifications and it was determined that we were within the Wilderness boundaries so approval was secured to dispatch a helicopter to retrieve us and return us

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

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

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

Date of this Report

07/18/2019
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator

Signature:

-- or --

☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name:

Title:

Signature:

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Name of Investigator

Eleazar Nepomuceno

Date Report Received

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