

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD • PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT Use this form (Form 6120.1) to report civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents**BASIC INFORMATION****Accident/Incident Location**Nearest City/Place: Green Valley State: AZZIP: _____ Country: USA

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/TimeDate: 4/13/2025 Local Time: 13:30
mm/dd/yyyy HH:MMTime Zone: MSTCollision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None**AIRCRAFT INFORMATION**Registration Number: N3797WManufacturer: PiperModel: Cherokee 6Serial Number: 32-725Year of Manufacture: 1,966Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes: ☐ Original Design ☐ Kit/Plans

Make: _____

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

Maximum Gross Weight: _____ lbs.

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: _____ lbs.

Number of Seats: 6 Flight Crew Seats: 1Cabin Crew Seats: 0 Passenger Seats: 1Number of Engines: 1**Category of Aircraft**
(Select one)

- ☒
- 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
- ☐
- High Skid
-
- ☒
- Tricycle
- ☐
- Skid
-
- ☐
- Tailwheel
- ☐
- Ski/Wheel
-
- ☐
- Emergency Float
- ☐
- Hull
-
- ☐
- Float
- ☐
- Ski
-
- ☐
- Amphibian
- ☐
- Unknown
-
- ☐
- Other Launch/Recovery System

☐ None**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/Series	Engine 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	<u>Lycoming</u>	<u>I-540</u>			<u>260</u>		<u>4</u>	
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date of Last Inspection: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: _____ 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: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐
- None
-
- ☒
- Specify:
- Fire Extinguisher

Additional Equipment

- ☒
- ADS-B
-
- ☐
- Airframe Parachute
-
- ☒
- Angle of Attack Indicator
-
- ☐
- Autopilot
-
- ☐
- Autopilot/FMS, Model: _____
-
- ☐
- Coupled Flight Director
-
- ☐
- Data Recorder
-
- ☒
- Device Stall Warning System
-
- ☐
- Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
-
- ☐
- Electronic Multifunction Display
-
- ☐
- Electronic Primary Flight Display
-
- ☐
- Flight Management System

- ☐
- Handheld GPS
-
- ☐
- Heads Up Display
-
- ☐
- Night Vision Goggles
-
- ☐
- Onboard Weather
-
- ☐
- Primary Flight Display
-
- ☐
- SAS, Number of Axes: _____ Model: _____
-
- ☐
- Satellite Tracking Device
-
- ☒
- Stall Warning System
-
- ☐
- Video Recording Device
-
- ☐
- Wire Strike Detection
-
- ☐
- Wire Strike Protection
-
- ☐
- Other, Specify: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes:ELT Manufacturer: Artex Aircraft Supply InModel or Part No.: ME406TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ NoWas ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ NoDid ELT activate? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIf activated: Did ELT aid in locating aircraft? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIf not activated: Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage☒ Fire Damage ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged ☐ UnknownPropeller 1 ☐ Fixed Pitch
☒ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground AdjustableManufacturer: HartzellModel: HC-C3YR-1RF/F7693FPropeller 2 ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Thomas Shane Carter**Fractional Ownership Aircraft:**☐ Yes☒ NoCity: PhoenixState: AZZIP: 85029Country: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☒ The Operator is also the Registered Owner☒ Same address as Registered Owner

Name: _____

Doing Business As: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4-character code): _____

ZIP: _____

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 450
☐ 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
☐ 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 ☐ Unknown

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: _____

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm.

Airport Identifier: _____

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

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

Airport Elevation: _____ ft. MSL

Runway Information

Runway ID: _____ Length: _____ ft. Width: _____ ft.

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Ice ☐ Snow
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Dirt ☐ Helideck ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
☐ Elevated Heliport ☐ Helistop ☐ Off-site landing area

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 ☐ Unknown
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ RNAV ☐ Circling

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

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

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

First Name: Thomas

Middle Initial: S

Last Name: Carter

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 58

City of Residence: Phoenix

State: **AZ** ZIP: **85029**Country: **USA**

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

☒ None ☐ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor

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

Available

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

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

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

☐ None
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Commercial

☐ US Military
 ☒ Private
 ☐ Recreational

☐ Airline Transport
 ☐ Foreign
 ☐ Sport

☐ Student
 ☐ Flight Engineer

☐ Pilot
☒ Other
☐ Unknown

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

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

10/19/2023
mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Special Limitations

☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other:

mm/dd/yyyy

Make: _____

Model: _____

(Check all that apply)

☒ Single-Engine Land

☐ Single-Engine Sea

☐ Multiengine Land

☐ Multiengine Sea

(Check all that apply)

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

(Check all that apply)

☒ None

☐ Airplane

☐ Helicopter

☐ Powered Lift

(Check all that apply)

☒ None	☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine	☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multiengine	☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane	☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift	☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements

Student Endorsements *(Include dates)*

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"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION**"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☐ 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 ☐ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor

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 ☐ Sport
☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☐ Unknown
☐ Class 1 ☐ BasicMed
☐ Class 2 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot Only)

Medical Certificate Validity

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

Date of Last Medical_____
mm/dd/yyyy**Medical Certificate Limitations****Medical Certificate Special Limitations****Personal Flight Equipment** (Check all that apply)

☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

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)

☐ 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 ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multiengine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements**Student Endorsements** (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						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.)

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____			
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer		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
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.	Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____			
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer		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
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.	Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	

PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet, if necessary.)

Number of Passengers <u>1</u>					
Passenger Information	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
First Name: <u>Evette</u> City: <u>Phoenix</u> Middle Initial: <u>E</u> State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: <u>Carter</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ 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 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____					

First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point	Time of Departure	Flight Information	Destination	Type Flight Plan Filed
Airport ID: <u>KOLS</u> City: <u>Nogales</u> State: <u>AZ</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time: <u>13:00</u> HH:MM Time Zone: <u>MST</u>	Flight Number: _____ Operating as Flight _____	Airport ID: <u>KDVT</u> City: <u>Phoenix</u> State: <u>AZ</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	☐ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☒ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)				
☐ Certificate of Authorization	☐ Special VFR	☐ Special IFR	☐ VFR Flight Following	☐ Cruise
☒ VFR	☐ IFR	☐ VFR On Top	☐ Traffic Advisory	☐ Unknown / NA
☐ None				
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		
☒ Class E	☐ Restricted Area	☐ FAR 93	Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft. MSL	
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE				
Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply)		Weather Observation Facility		
☒ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report ☐ Electronic Flight Bag-Application: _____ ☐ On-Board Weather		☐ Company ☐ Military ☒ Internet ☐ None ☐ Unknown		
		Facility ID: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true		
Basic Conditions	Lowest Cloud Condition	Light Condition		
☐ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown	Height <u>24000</u> ft. AGL	☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition	Ceiling	Ceiling Height		
☒ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Scattered ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Unknown	☒ None (Clear) ☐ Broken ☐ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown	<u>24000</u> ft. AGL	Temperature: _____ (°C) or <u>75.0</u> (°F) Dewpoint: _____ (°C) or _____ (°F)	
Altimeter Setting:	Wind Direction	Wind Speed	Wind Gusts	Visibility
<u>29.96</u> (Hg), or _____ (mb)	☐ Variable or <u>90.00</u> Direction: _____ degrees true	☐ Calm ☒ Light and Variable Speed: <u>22.0</u> kts	☐ Not Gusting or Speed: <u>32.0</u> kts	<u>20.0</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft.
Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)				Restriction to Visibility (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				☒ None ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown
Icing Forecast	Intensity of Precipitation	Icing Actual		Turbulence (Check all that apply)
Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown	☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☒ N/A ☐ Unknown	Amount Type ☒ None ☐ N/A ☐ Trace ☐ Rime ☐ Light ☐ Clear ☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		Type Severity ☒ None ☐ Light ☐ Clean Air ☐ Moderate ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Severe ☐ Convective ☐ Extreme Turbulence
NOTAMS (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:				
A crane a Deer Vally Airport (KDTV)				

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 ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

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

Left main broken off, front nose gear broken off, skin on left wing damaged, tips of the propeller damaged

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.

At approximately 12:30 PM Mountain Standard time on April 13, 2025, we departed Nogales, Arizona(KOLS) airport. While in flight at about 15 minutes on a NW heading the engine began to sputter. My generator breaker was having issues, so I attempted to continue flying solo on the battery backup to our destination of Deer Vally, Arizona (KDVT). I frequently turned on the power to check temperatures as I was ascending. However, over the headsets, while the power was on, the static was blocking communications as well as the sounds of the aircraft making it impossible to assess the issue. I thought I felt a sputter but was unsure, so I turned off the communications to listen for any abnormalities. About a minute later there was another sputter, confirming my first idea. At that point, my wife pointed to the fuel pressure gauge since she felt the sputter as well. The fuel pressure gauge indicated 0 pounds and then would jump back up to 30 pounds.

I went into emergency procedures. I immediately found the closest landing area for an emergency landing. I then tried switching fuel tanks to ensure that this was not the issue with the sputtering. We had put 45 gallons of fuel before takeoff at MMPE at which time we sumped the tanks to ensure no water or contamination was in the fuel. Everything was good. Before takeoff from KOLS (about an hour and half later), I did a preflight walk around at which time I checked the oil. Then, out of habit, I resumed the fuel tanks. Everything looked good to go.

As the sputter happened, I mentally reviewed that we had sumped the tanks twice and therefore moved onto other possible scenarios. I thought perhaps the fuel lines may be clogged and switched to different tanks and turned on the electric fuel pump. The problem persisted.

I left the electric fuel pump running at that time. I then asked my wife to look for the two private airports that were northwest of our location. She found those on Foreflight. The closest was Ruby Airpark. We were trying to make it to this airpark location. At this time the engine began to lose more and more power. I had it at straight level flight, however the engine would not sustain a straight level flight, so I put it into a 105 MPH descent (according to emergency procedures as my best glide rate). So, I was descending and trying to make it to the Ruby Airpark. I was continuously locating secondary landing places for my backup in case I could not make it to the Ruby Airpark. My final landing zone before Ruby Airpark was in sight which was a clearing across from the tailings pond at the Sierrita Mine (we learned the name of the mine later). We could not visibly see the Ruby Airpark and I had no time left since the altitude was so low. I was squawking 7600 to come into the Ruby Airpark and changed it to 7700 as soon as I realized I was going to have to set it down before reaching the Airpark. According to the ATC they received my 7700 notice 2 seconds before I went off radar. At that point, I had to make a decision right away. I instantly told my wife we are landing; you need to unlock the door and push it open and snug your seatbelt. We descended over the power lines and dropped down onto the clearing. I pulled full flaps to slow us down because it was so short. I pulled the fuel mixture to make sure the engine would not reignite. I turned the power off of the magnetos. We touched down on our mains while we were waiting for the nose to set down, I had full right rutter to keep us in line because I had an estimated 22 knot crosswind. Shortly after that there was an approximate 31 knot crosswind gust which picked the plane up and with the full right rutter we went over to the right side of the dirt berm which the fuselage and right wing cleared. The left wing cleared the berm but the left main hit the top of the berm and from the drag swung us around to the left in which we dropped to the ground. Our speed was approximately 30 mph at that time. So, now we are in a side skid and the left main crumbled, then the front nose gear crumbled and the aircraft slid about 10 feet and came to a full stop. At that time my wife grabbed two of the dogs and jumped out the door. I grabbed the last remaining dog and went out the door. I inspected the aircraft to ensure no fuel leaks. I checked with my wife to make sure she wasn't injured. She was very upset and scared but not a scratch as the incident was more of a jostling around inside the plane.

The reason that I chose this particular spot is because we were surrounded by hills with no flat or straight surfaces to land. It was my Plan B of action if we could not make it to the Ruby Airpark. I only had a matter of seconds to make the decision for landing places. At the mining area I had about 1000 feet of flat surface which I had to clear power lines to get to. I had already assessed that there was no

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

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on a 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

_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff

(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

65.0 Gallons

Fuel Type

☒ 100 Low Lead☐ Automotive☐ Jet A☐ Jet A-1☐ Unleaded AV☐ Other, specify _____

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:

Ran out the door with the dogs

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

Aircraft Registration Number

N3797WManufacturer: PiperModel: Cherokee 6

Damage to Other Aircraft:

☐ Destroyed☐ Substantial☐ Minor☒ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Name: Thomas Shane CarterCity: PhoenixState: AZ ZIP: 85029Country: USA

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Additional space for answers to any question.)

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

I understand that the information provided may be subject to public release.

Date of this report:

04/24/2025

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Thomas Shane Carter

Signature: _____

-or- ☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a person other than Pilot/Operator is filing this report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-or- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

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Name of Investigator
Eric M. Gutierrez

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