



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

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<b>Location:</b>	EDISON, GA	<b>Accident Number:</b>	ATL84FKG01
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	10/12/1983, 2115 EDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N62TG
<b>Aircraft:</b>	BEECH 65-A80	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	2 Minor

**Flight Conducted Under:** Part 91: General Aviation - Personal

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## Analysis

AT APRX 2130 EDT, THE ACFT COLLIDED WITH A TREE WHILE THE PLT WAS MAKING A LOW PASS OVER A WOODED AREA. AFTER HITTING THE TREE, THE PLANE CRASHED INTO A POND. REPORTEDLY, THE ACFT HAD RETURNED FROM COLUMBIA (SOUTH AMERICA) & THE AIRCREW WERE PREPARING TO DROP DUFFEL BAGS OF COCAINE. WHEN THE ACFT HIT THE TREE, THE PLT WAS FLYING WHILE THE OTHER PERSON WAS GETTING READY TO THROW OUT THE BAGS.

## Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

## Findings

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Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT  
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

### Findings

1. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - NIGHT
  2. (C) JUDGMENT - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND
  3. (F) OVERCONFIDENCE IN PERSONAL ABILITY - PILOT IN COMMAND
  4. (F) LOW PASS - PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND
  5. (C) PROPER ALTITUDE - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
  6. (F) OBJECT - TREE(S)
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Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER  
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial	<b>Age:</b>	32, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>		<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>		<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 2 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	05/25/1983
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>			

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	BEECH	<b>Registration:</b>	N62TG
<b>Model/Series:</b>	65-A80 65-A80	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	LO-215
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Retractable - Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	Unknown	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	8400 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	2 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>		<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	TIO-541
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	WILLIAM CRAIG	<b>Rated Power:</b>	
<b>Operator:</b>	DAVE C. MCDANIEL	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Bright
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0000	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility	5 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	COLUMBIA	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	0000	Type of Airspace:	

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	F. M DEJOSEPH	Report Date:	
Additional Participating Persons:			
Publish Date:			
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at <a href="mailto:pubinquiry@ntsb.gov">pubinquiry@ntsb.gov</a> , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <a href="http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/">http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/</a> .		

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