



# Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

<b>Location:</b>	Napa, CA	<b>Accident Number:</b>	WPR23LA202
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	May 25, 2023, 18:46 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N201MM
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Mooney M-18C 55	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Minor
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On May 25, 2023, about 1846 Pacific daylight time, a Mooney M-18C, N201MM, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Napa, California. The sole occupant onboard sustained minor injury. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 personal flight.

The pilot reported that he departed Ed Carlson Memorial Field - South Lewis County Airport (KTD0), Toledo, Washington, for a multi-leg cross-country flight destined for Napa County Airport (KAPC). During the approach to land at KAPC, about 8 miles north of the airport, about 3000 ft above the ground, the engine lost all power. The pilot cycled the engine throttle control to full, but the engine did not restart, and the propeller continued to windmill. He then declared an emergency and initiated a force landing onto an open field about 5 miles north of runway 19R. During the landing roll, the left wing struck a large rock and came to rest nose down.

The airplane and engine were recovered to a secured facility for further examination.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Mooney	<b>Registration:</b>	N201MM
<b>Model/Series:</b>	M-18C 55 NO SERIES	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Amateur Built:</b>			
<b>Operator:</b>	Karen Harms, Michael Harms, Oren Redsun	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None
<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>			

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KAPC,15 ft msl	Observation Time:	18:54 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	6 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	15°C /11°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	15 knots / None, 200°
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.84 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	NONE
Departure Point:	Willows, CA (O37)	Destination:	Napa, CA

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	38.297833,-122.25548 (est)

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Nepomuceno, Eleazar
Additional Participating Persons:	Steven Gustison; FAA; Sacramento, CA
Investigation Class:	<a href="#">Class 3</a>
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.