



# Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

<b>Location:</b>	La Mesa, CA	<b>Accident Number:</b>	WPR23LA264
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	July 9, 2023, 15:00 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N1839R
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Cessna A185F	<b>Injuries:</b>	2 Minor
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On July 9, 2023, about 1500 Pacific daylight time, a Cessna A185F, N1839R, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near La Mesa, California. The pilot and passenger sustained minor injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

The pilot reported that he departed Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport (MYF), San Diego, California, to relocate the airplane to Brown Field Municipal Airport (SDM), San Diego. While in cruise flight, about 1,700 ft msl, the engine lost all power and briefly regained some power for about 10 seconds, before it lost all power again. The pilot completed an emergency engine failure checklist and configured the airplane for an off-airport landing to a nearby road.

During the approach to landing, the right wing struck a powerline. Subsequently, the airplane landed in a parking lot, struck fence, and heavy vegetation before it came to rest in a ravine. The airplane sustained substantial damage to the fuselage and both wings.

The airplane was recovered to a secure facility for further examination.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Cessna	<b>Registration:</b>	N1839R
<b>Model/Series:</b>	A185F	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Amateur Built:</b>			
<b>Operator:</b>	On file	<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:	KMYF, 418 ft msl	Observation Time:	14:53 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	6 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	23°C / 14°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	9 knots / None, 250°
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.91 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	NONE
Departure Point:	San Diego, CA (MYF)	Destination:	San Diego, CA (SDM)

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	32.783694,-117.02636 (est)

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Nepomuceno, Eleazar
Additional Participating Persons:	Oded Moore; Federal Aviation Administration; San Diego, CA
Investigation Class:	<a href="#">Class 3</a>
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.