



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Whitethorn, CA	Accident Number:	WPR24LA106
Date & Time:	March 8, 2024, 13:25 Local	Registration:	N2824M
Aircraft:	CIRRUS DESIGN CORP SR22	Injuries:	2 Minor, 1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On March 8, 2024, at 1325 Pacific standard time, a Cirrus SR22, N2824M, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Whitethorn, California. The pilot and one passenger sustained minor injuries, and one passenger was not injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

The pilot reported that he departed Shelter Cove Airport (0Q5), Shelter Cove, California, with an intended destination of Santa Rosa, California. As the airplane was ascending through about 2,600 ft mean sea level, the engine lost total power. The pilot stated that he switched fuel tanks, activated the electric boost pump and manipulated the mixture and throttle controls in an effort to restore engine power.

Unable to restore engine power, he decided to deploy the Cirrus Airframe Parachute System (CAPS). The airplane descended under parachute canopy into dense tree covered terrain and became suspended within the trees. Subsequently, the airplane fell from the trees and impacted the ground inverted. The airplane sustained substantial damage to the fuselage and empennage.

The wreckage was recovered to a secure location for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CIRRUS DESIGN CORP	Registration:	N2824M
Model/Series:	SR22	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KUKI,626 ft msl	Observation Time:	12:56 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	12 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	17°C /4°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	/ ,
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.14 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Shelter Cove, CA (0Q5)	Destination:	Santa Rosa, WA (KSTS)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Minor, 1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Minor, 1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	39.975161,-123.97834 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Basti, Paymaun
Additional Participating Persons:	Ben Brillo; FAA; Oakland, CA
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.