



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	MIAMI, Florida	<b>Accident Number:</b>	MIA84LA243
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	August 31, 1984, 19:15 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N23665
<b>Aircraft:</b>	PIPER PA-38	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	2 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## Analysis

WHILE TAXIING FOR TAKEOFF THE ACFT VEERED TO THE LEFT AND COLLIDED WITH A PARKED ACFT. THE PLT STATED A GUST OF WIND CAUSED THE ACFT TO VEER. THE ACFT OPERATOR REPORTED THE PLT WAS HELPING THE PAX WITH A SEATBELT WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

## Probable Cause and Findings

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

### Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT  
Phase of Operation: TAXI - TO TAKEOFF

#### Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) DIVERTED ATTENTION - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) OBJECT - AIRCRAFT PARKED/STANDING

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	26, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Unknown Unknown	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	October 3, 1983
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	UNK	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	63 hours (Total, all aircraft), 3 hours (Total, this make and model), 33 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	PIPER	<b>Registration:</b>	N23665
<b>Model/Series:</b>	PA-38 PA-38	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	38-81A0140
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	2
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	Unknown	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	1670 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>		<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, not activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-235
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	RODFLA, INC.	<b>Rated Power:</b>	112 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>	INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT CENTER	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None
<b>Operator Does Business As:</b>		<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>	

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	MIA ,10 ft msl	<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	12 Nautical Miles
<b>Observation Time:</b>	18:50 Local	<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	25°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Unknown	<b>Visibility</b>	7 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	Broken / 3000 ft AGL	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	5 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	150°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	30 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	29°C / 21°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>		<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>		<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	00:00 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>		<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>		<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	
<b>Runway Used:</b>	0	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>		<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	None

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	2 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	25.650091,-80.410652(est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Watson, Thomas
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	C. H SMITH; MIAMI , FL
<b>Original Publish Date:</b>	
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<b>Investigation Class:</b>	<a href="#">Class</a>
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<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	<a href="https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=31185">https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=31185</a>

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