

 National Transportation Safety Board PRELIMINARY REPORT AVIATION		NTSB ID: WPR11FA114		Most Critical Injury: Fatal		
		Occurrence Date: 01/29/2011		Investigated By: NTSB		
		Occurrence Type: Accident				
Location/Time						
Nearest City/Place		State	Zip Code	Local Time	Time Zone	
Furnace Creek		CA	92328		PST	
Aircraft Information						
Registration Number		Aircraft Manufacturer		Model/Series Number		
N50BJ		MOONEY		M20J		
Type of Aircraft: Airplane			Amateur Built Aircraft? No			
Injury Summary:		Fatal	1	Serious	Minor	None
Revenue Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No			
Narrative						
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On January 29, 2011, between 1430 and 1520 Pacific standard time, a Mooney M20J, N50BJ, impacted terrain near Furnace Creek, California. The owner/pilot was operating the airplane under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 91. The certificated private pilot was killed; the airplane sustained substantial damage by impact forces. The cross-country personal flight departed Furnace Creek between 1415 and 1515, with a planned destination of Santa Monica, California. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and no flight plan had been filed.</p> <p>A witness reported that the airplane took off to the south. The witness observed the airplane's ground operations and the takeoff, which appeared normal to him.</p> <p>The airplane wreckage was not discovered until January 31, 2011, around 0830 by National Park personnel.</p> <p>Investigators responded to the accident site and examined and documented the wreckage. The wreckage was recovered for further examination.</p> <p>Updated on Feb 8 2011 5:03PM</p>						
PRELIMINARY INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO CHANGE						

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Other Aircraft Involved		
Registration Number	Aircraft Manufacturer	Model/Series Number

Accident Information	
Aircraft Damage: Substantial	Accident Occurred During:

Crew	Name	Certificate No.	Injury
Pilot	On File	On File	Fatal
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Operator Information			
Name Bruce Jackson	Operator Designator Code	Doing Business As	
Street Address	City Culver City	State CA	Zip Code 90230

-Type of Certificate(s) Held: None	
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):	
Operating Certificate:	Operator Certificate:
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation	
Type of Flight Operations Conducted: Personal	

Flight Plan/Itinerary			
Type of Flight Plan Filed: None			
Last Departure Point Furnace Creek	State CA	Airport Identifier L06	
Destination Santa Monica	State CA	Airport Identifier SMO	

Weather Information			
Investigator's Source: Unknown	Facility ID: DRA	Observation Time (Local): 1455	
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Clear	Ft. AGL		
Lowest Ceiling: None	Ft. AGL	Visibility: 10 SM	Altimeter: 29.97 "Hg

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Temperature: 17 °C	Dew Point: -5 °C	Wind Direction: Variable	
Wind Speed: 5 Kts.	Gusts: Kts.	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions	

Administration Data

Notification From National Park Service	Date
FAA District Office/Coordinator FAA FSDO James Brownell	Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) Patrick H. Jones