

AVIATION SAFETY NETWORK

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Date: Wednesday 14 December 1994

Time: 11:46



Type: [Learjet 35A](#)

Owner/operator: Phoenix Air

Registration: N521PA

MSN: 35A-239

Year of manufacture: 1979

Total airframe hrs: 6673 hours

Cycles: 5254 flights

Engine model: Garrett TFE731-2-2B

Fatalities: Fatalities: 2 / Occupants: 2

Other fatalities: 0

Aircraft damage: Destroyed, written off

Category: Accident

Location: Fresno, CA -  [United States of America](#)

Phase: Approach

Nature: Military

Departure airport: Fresno Air Terminal, CA (FAT/KFAT)

Destination airport: Fresno Air Terminal, CA (FAT/KFAT)

Investigating agency: NTSB

Narrative:

Improperly installed electrical wiring for special mission operations led to an in-flight fire that caused airplane systems and structural damage and subsequent airplane control difficulties. Crashed on East Olive Avenue while on approach to Fresno Air Terminal.

PROBABLE CAUSE: "1) improperly installed electrical wiring for special mission operations that led to an in-flight fire that caused airplane systems and structural damage and subsequent airplane control difficulties; 2) improper maintenance and inspection procedures followed by the operator; and 3) inadequate oversight and approval of the maintenance and inspection practice by the operator in the installation of the special mission systems."