



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

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<b>Location:</b>	KEY WEST, FL	<b>Accident Number:</b>	MIA85LA110
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	03/01/1985, 0015 EDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N709G
<b>Aircraft:</b>	ROCKWELL 680E	<b>Injuries:</b>	2 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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## Analysis

A COAST GUARD FALCON ACFT WAS ON SCENE WHEN THE ACFT DITCHED IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN DUE TO FUEL EXHAUSTION. A LIFE RAFT & MARKER WERE DROPPED BY THE COAST GUARD ACFT. A SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED ALL DAY ON 3/1/85 & WAS CALLED OFF AT SUNSET ON ON 3/2/85. THE OCCUPANTS WERE PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN FATALLY INJURED OR DROWNED. THE ACFT WAS PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

## Probable Cause

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

## Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(TOTAL) - NONMECHANICAL  
Phase of Operation: CRUISE

### Findings

1. (C) PLANNING/DECISION - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) FLUID,FUEL - EXHAUSTION
3. (C) FUEL SUPPLY - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Occurrence #3: DITCHING

Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

### Findings

4. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DARK NIGHT

## Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:			

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	ROCKWELL	Registration:	N709G
Model/Series:	680E 680E	Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Operator:	NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	GSO-480-B1A6
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## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Dark
Observation Facility, Elevation:	EWY, 4 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots / , 30°
Temperature:	21 °C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	BELIZE, OF (MZBZ)	Destination:	KEY WEST, FL (EWY)

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Latitude, Longitude:			

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	BRUCE J HILL	Adopted Date:	
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at <a href="mailto:pubinq@ntsb.gov">pubinq@ntsb.gov</a> , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <a href="http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/">http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/</a> .		

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