



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

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<b>Location:</b>	Lake Port, CA	<b>Accident Number:</b>	WPR20LA257
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	08/07/2020, 1400 PDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N290MH
<b>Aircraft:</b>	SPORTINE AVIACIJA LAK17	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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On August 7, 2020 about 1400 Pacific daylight time, a Sportine Aviacija Lak-17B, motorized glider, N290MH, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Lake Port, California. The private pilot was fatally injured. The motorized glider was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

The flight departed from runway 28 at Lampson Field Airport (1O2), Lakeport, California about 1200 on a local flight. According to family members, the pilot was based out of 1O2 and had recently purchased the glider. They continued by stating he was still in the certification process and could only fly the glider within 20 miles of 1O2. After the pilot had not returned home from the flight, family members were able to check a SPOT device which indicated his last position.

The wreckage was located on steep and wooded terrain about 1 mile west from the departure end of runway 28 at 1O2. According to photos supplied by first responders, the glider was found in multiple sections.

There were no witnesses to the accident.

The wreckage was recovered for further examination.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	SPORTINE AVIACIJA	<b>Registration:</b>	N290MH
<b>Model/Series:</b>	LAK17 A	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Glider
<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No		
<b>Operator:</b>	Matt J Herron	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	K102, 1380 ft msl	Observation Time:	1200 PDT
Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	36 °C / 13 °C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	Calm / ,
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.89 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Lakeport, CA (102)	Destination:	Lakeport, CA (102)

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	38.934167, -122.877222 (est)

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Andrew L Swick
Additional Participating Persons:	Jeffery Snider; FAA-FSDO; Sacramento, CA
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.