



## C6-SPK Preliminary Accident Report

Date of Release 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Location	Accident number
Southwest of North Eleuthera Airport, Bahamas 20 25.35N 076 59.46W	OCC – 2023/0029
<b>Occurrence Date &amp; Time</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 12:58 pm local time (1658 UTC)	<b>Registration</b>
<b>Aircraft</b> <b>Flight Conducted</b> <b>Under</b> Visual Flight Rules	<b>Serial Number</b> 402B1054

### Information:

### Narrative:

On 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at approximately 12:15 pm local (1615 UTC), a Cessna 402B aircraft which was last registered in the Bahamas up until July 2022 as C6-SPK (serial number 402B1054), departed from the Fort Lauderdale International Airport (KFL), Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA with one (1) person on board enroute to the North Eleuthera International Airport (MYEH), Eleuthera, Bahamas.

The aircraft was expected to return to KFL after 2:00 pm later that afternoon. Several hours later, it was determined that the aircraft never arrived at its intended destination of North Eleuthera, Bahamas. Upon the aircraft being declared overdue, search and rescue protocols were initiated with coordination by the United States Coast Guard, Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF), Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPf), with assistance from the Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association (BASRA).

It was reported that at approximately 12:58 pm (1658 UTC), air traffic control observed the aircraft in a rapid descent from an altitude of approximately 8,400 ft. mean sea level (MSL) to about 4,500 ft. MSL, while at distance in excess of 100 nautical miles southeast of KFL.

During search and rescue, aerial and marine assets from the US Coast Guard and RBDF responded to areas in vicinity of the last known position of the aircraft, approximately 17 nautical miles southwest of the North Eleuthera International Airport (MYEH) at coordinates 20 25.35N 076 59.46W.



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Additionally, checks were made at several airports in the Bahamas including North Eleuthera International Airport (MYEH), Lynden Pindling Int'l Airport (MYNN), Nassau, Bahamas and San Andros Airport (MYAN), Andros, Bahamas.

Searches were conducted up to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023. To date, there has been no sighting of the aircraft or the pilot.

It would appear that the aircraft was “Stateless” and unregistered during the time of operation as it had been removed from the Bahamas’ aircraft registry since July 2022.

*This is preliminary information, subject to change, and may contain errors. Any errors in this report will be corrected when the final report has been completed.*

### Aircraft and Owner / Operator Information:

<b>Aircraft Manufacturer</b> Cessna	<b>Serial Number</b> 402B1054
<b>Model / Series</b> C402B	<b>Aircraft Category</b> Normal
<b>Amateur Built</b> <b>Operator</b> Not Applicable	<b>Air Carrier</b> <b>Operating</b> <b>Certificate</b> Not Applicable

### Meteorological Information and Flight Plan:

<b>Conditions at Accident site</b> Visual Flight Rules	<b>Condition of Light</b> Day
<b>Observation facility</b> <b>Elevation</b> 16 feet	<b>Observation Time</b> 12:00 pm local (1600 UTC)
<b>Distance from Site</b> 40 nautical miles	<b>Temp /Dewpoint</b> 25°C/24°C



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**Lowest Cloud Condition**  
FEW15CB

**Wind Direction/ Speed**  
150/14KT

**Lowest Ceiling**  
BKN090

**Visibility**  
>6 statute miles

**Altimeter Setting**  
30.02 In. HG

**Departure Point**  
Fort Lauderdale  
International Airport  
(KFL), Fort Lauderdale,  
FL, USA

**Destination**  
North Eleuthera Airport  
(MYEH), Eleuthera,  
Bahamas

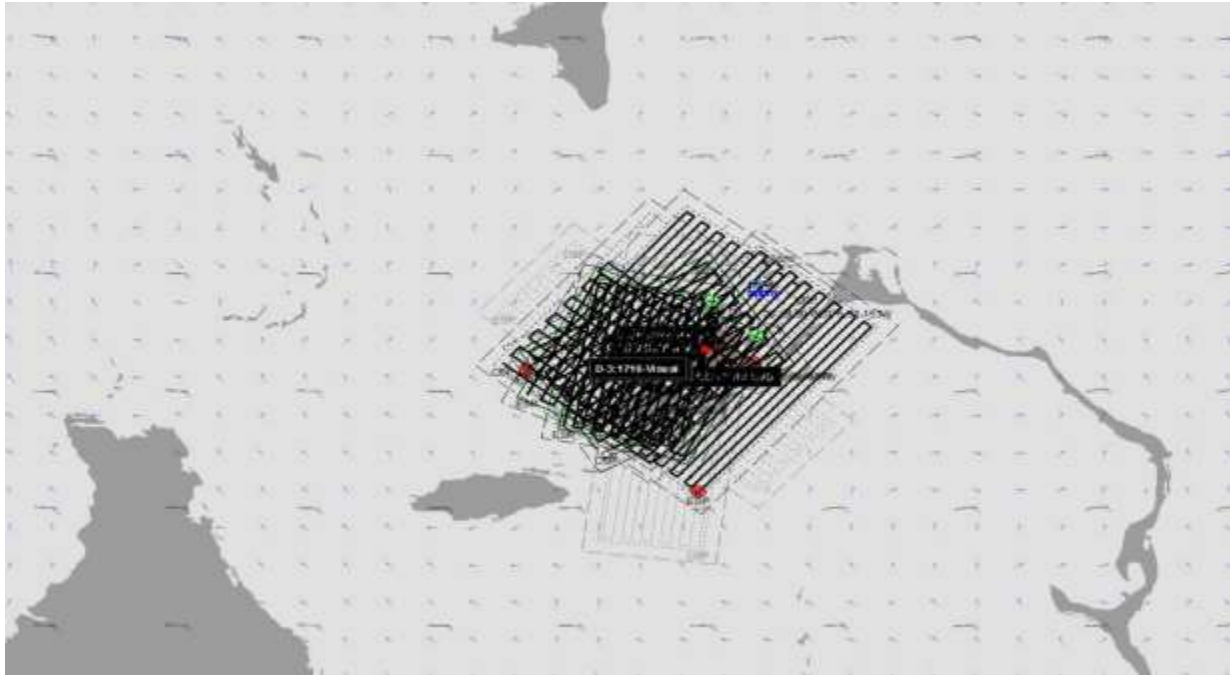
### Wreckage and Impact Information:



*Fig. 1: Last known position of aircraft 17NM southwest of North Eleuthera Airport, Bahamas*

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*Fig. 2: US Coast Guard Aircraft Search Pattern*

SEARCH AREA	TIME SEARCHED	AREA SEARCHED
AIRMIA HC-144	9HRS	458
AIRCLR HC-130	6.5HRS	560
AIRMIA HC-144	6.2HRS	844
	TOTAL: 21.7 HRS	TOTAL: 1,862 SQNM

*Table 1: Total hours searched by US Coast Guard Aircraft*

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**Crew Injuries**

1 Fatal

**Aircraft Damage**

Missing Aircraft

**Passenger Injuries**

None

**Aircraft Fire**

Not Applicable

**Ground Injuries**

None

**Aircraft Explosion**

Not Applicable

**Total Injuries**

1 Fatal

**Latitude, Longitude**

20 25.35N 076 59.46W



*Fig. 3: Photos of aircraft*



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### **Administrative Information:**

#### **Investigator in Charge**

Mr. Saint-Tino Morley

#### **Additional Information**

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