



C6-SPK Preliminary Accident Report

Date of Release 19th September 2023

Location	Accident number
Southwest of North Eleuthera Airport, Bahamas 20 25.35N 076 59.46W	OCC – 2023/0029
Occurrence Date & Time	Registration
19 th August 2023 12:58 pm local time (1658 UTC)	C6-SPK
Aircraft Flight Conducted Under	Serial Number
Visual Flight Rules	402B1054

Information:

Narrative:

On 19th August 2023 at approximately 12:15 pm local (1615 UTC), a Cessna 402B aircraft last registered in the Bahamas 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. It 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 21st August 2023. To date, there has been no sighting of the aircraft or the pilot.

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:

Aircraft Manufacturer

Cessna

Registration

C6-SPK

Model / Series

C402B

Aircraft Category

Normal

Amateur Built**Operator**

Not Applicable

Air Carrier**Operating****Certificate**

Not Applicable

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan:

Conditions at Accident site

Visual Flight Rules

Condition of Light

Day

Observation facility**Elevation**

16 feet

Observation Time

12:00 pm local (1600

UTC)

Distance from Site

40 nautical miles

Temp /Dewpoint

25°C/24°C

Lowest Cloud Condition

FEW15CB

Wind Direction/ Speed

150/14KT



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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

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Additional Information

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