

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198500159**

Thompson Aeroservices Mustang

7 December 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198500159

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 3km N of Bridgetown WA

Date: 7 December 1985

Time: 1805

Highest Injury Level: Minor

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0

Aircraft Details: Thompson Aeroservices
Mustang

Registration: Not Registered

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Private (Aerial dropping)

Damage Level: Destroyed

Departure Point: Bridgetown WA

Departure Time: 1800

Destination: Bridgetown WA

Approved for Release: March 11th 1986

Circumstances:

The pilot was engaged in dropping sweets at a Children's Christmas party. As the pilot was completing the third run over the area at an altitude of about 50 feet, the cord on the sweet bag became tangled. The pilot diverted his attention from the operation of the aircraft as he freed the cord. The aircraft descended and the left wing struck a tree, it continued on colliding with a power line before coming to rest on the verandah of a house.