

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198700108**

Piper PA28-140

27 September 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198700108
Location: 11 km ESE Cervantes WA
Date: 27 September 1987
Highest Injury Level: Minor
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident
Time: 1135

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	1	1
Total	0	0	1	2

Aircraft Details: Piper PA28-140
Registration: VH-RVN
Serial Number: 28-20892
Operation Type: Private (Pleasure)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Cervantes WA
Departure Time: 1105
Destination: 11 km ESE Cervantes WA

Approved for Release: February 22nd 1988

Circumstances:

The pilot flew to Cervantes on the day prior to the accident to visit some friends. However, upon hearing reports of acts of vandalism at Cervantes airstrip, he inspected several areas on the farm as possible landing sites with the intention of repositioning the aircraft. The next day the aircraft was flown to the farm, where after an airborne inspection the pilot chose the second of two possible landing sites. The aircraft subsequently overshot the intended touchdown point. During the hold off over rising ground, the nose of the aircraft dropped and the aircraft impacted the ground heavily on the nosewheel. The aircraft pitched forward and came to rest inverted. The landing area was unsuitable because of the steeply undulating surface.