

Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198902553

Beechcraft B58

21 May 1989

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It was subsequently determined that the aircraft had been stolen and was being operated illegally. As a result, this accident was not the subject of an investigation by the Bureau of Air Safety Investigation.

Occurrence Number:

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Location:

Bringelly NSW

Date:

21 May 1989

Highest Injury Level:

Fatal

Injuries:

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

Occurrence Type:

Accident

Time:

0635 approx.

Aircraft Details:

Beechcraft B58

Registration:

VH-BGC

Serial Number:

TH-388

Operation Type:

Illegal operation (Stolen aircraft)

Damage Level:

Destroyed

Departure Point:

Bankstown NSW

Departure Time:

0628

Destination:

Not known

Approved for Release: 21st August 1989

Circumstances:

The aircraft was observed to depart Bankstown without a clearance or contact with Bankstown Tower. It was reported that the aircraft was being flown erratically. An uncertainty phase was declared and the progress of the aircraft monitored by radar until contact was lost in the Bringelly area at about 0635 hours. At about that time the aircraft was observed to descend steeply, before striking trees at high speed. It then commenced disintegrating before impacting the ground with great force and came to rest, on fire, in a small dam. The bodies of both occupants were found some distance from the main wreckage.