Investigation Bureau

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## **Notification**

We inform you about an accident of an aircraft registered in the United States of America - USA which occurred in USA

Place, date and time: Stagecoach NV (USA), 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 21:15 PST<sup>1</sup>

**Aircraft** 

Registration Mark: N273SM

**Type:** Pilatus Aircraft Ltd., PC12/45

Operator: Guardian Flight LLC
Owner: Guardian Flight LLC

Pilot: 1
Passengers: 4

Flight:

Flight rules: Instrument Flight Rules - IFR

Type of operation: Part 135: Air taxi & commuter - Non-scheduled - Air Medical (Discre-

tionary)

Point of departure: Reno, NV, Airport (KRNO)

**Point of landing:** Salt Lake City, UT, Airport (KSLC)

Damage:

Crew: Fatally injured

Passengers: Fatally injured

Thirds: None
Aircraft: Destroyed

**Ground:** Not yet known

Short description: The flight departed on an IFR flight plan from the Reno-Tahoe Interna-

tional Airport, Reno, Nevada, at 21:00 PST, with an intended destination of Salt Lake City, Utah. Preliminary ADS-B data shows that the airplane departed runway 16L and climbed to 18,300 ft msl. The airplane tracked a north-easterly heading until 21:13 PST when a descending right turn was observed. The data showed that the airplane remained in the descending right turn until ADS-B contact was lost at

an altitude of 11 100 ft msl.

**Remarks:** The National Transportation Safety Board of the United States of

America – NTSB (www.ntsb.gov) opens an investigation.

Bern, 17th May 2023

<sup>1</sup> Pacific Standard Time: PST = UTC - 8h

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