

TRANSCRIPT
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MANGLONA: Sector 27, what approach ...

PILOT: Starcheck 388, Mayday, Mayday, We have an emergency.

MANGLONA: Starcheck 388 Approach. Clear.

PILOT: Starcheck 388, we have flames comin' up the enging and, uh, we're going down.

MANGLONA: Starcheck 388 roger. I have an airport one zero mile south of you. You think you can make it there?

PILOT: Starcheck 388, that's a negative. We can't make that. We're going to pick a road here and land on a road.

MANGLONA: Starcheck 388 roger. There's a highway two miles east of you and the Interstate is about a mile north of you.

PILOT: OK, Starcheck 388, uh ... (sigh)

UNIDENTIFIED PILOT: Keep flying. Stay calm. Keep flying the plane all the way down.

PILOT: OK. Starcheck 388. I got some cars on the road here. I'm going to try to land on that road.

MANGLONA: OK. Starcheck 388. Is it east of you? Can you tell?

PILOT: Starcheck 388 that's affirmative. I'm gonna ... I got some cars and stuff. I'm going to try to follow the cars down.

MANGLONA: OK. Starcheck 388. Wind at Des Moines is calm. The altimeter two-ninety-niner-two and the highway runs north south there. And, uh, it should be about one mile west of it.

PILOT: Starcheck 388 affirmative. Two nine nine two and I got it in sight. I'm gonna follow it out behind another car.

MANGLONA: Starcheck 388. Roger, I'm trying to get some help out to ya there.

PILOT: Starcheck 388 thank you.

MANGLONA: Starcheck 388 I show you over the north south highway now. Is that what you show?

PILOT: Yea, Starcheck 388 I got a car down here. I'm trying to follow this car right now.

MANGLONA: Starcheck 388, you still with me?

PILOT: Starcheck 388 still with ya.

MANGLONA: OK 388. I'm going to start losin' ya on the radio here. Uh, my MVA there is three thousand but I understand you are over the, uh, highway and we're trying to get a hold of the police out there in that county to, uh, come out to ya.

PILOT: [static noise] 388, thanks very much.

UNIDENTIFIED PILOT: Tower, seven-tango-whiskey.

MANGLONA: November seven tango whiskey over.

UNIDENTIFIED PILOT: What's his location? When I get on the ground, I can, uh, give, uh, hospitals a call?

MANGLONA: November seven tango whiskey. He's, uh, pretty far away from Des Moines. He's about one-seven miles west southwest of Des Moines so we are trying to get a hold of the uh, the uh, authorities in that county.

UNIDENTIFIED PILOT: OK, you might want to give Lifeflight a call and just get it spoolin' up and ready to go.

MANGLONA: Twenty seven Des Moines.

UNIDENTIFIED: Twenty seven.

MANGLONA: Yeah, Starcheck 388 is going down. He, uh, landing on a landing on a highway. We're trying to call the uh, the cops and stuff out there but just wanted to let you know he's on his way down.

UNIDENTIFIED: Alright. Thanks. Cue cue.

MANGLONA: OK, number two one four zero four, I have an aircraft land on a highway about one zero miles southeast of your reported position. Can you try and raise a Starcheck 388 on this frequency?

UNIDENTIFIED PILOT: I'll sure try. Starcheck 388. Skylane two one four zero four. Des Moines Approach, Starcheck is on the road and they're OK.

MANGLONA: November two one four zero four thank you. Um, just let 'em know that we're trying to get the a, the a, well the trucks are on the way now and we're trying to, uh, just get the, uh, cops out there and stuff.

UNIDENTIFIED PILOT: Starcheck, uh, approach told me, uh, the, uh, police are on their way and trucks will be there and help will be there for you shortly.