

General Dynamics F-16CJ #90-0814

October 25, 1994

On October 25, 1994, F-16CJ #90-0814 with the 4th Fighter Squadron (388th Fighter Wing) departed Hill AFB, Utah, at 9:27 a.m. Capt. Miguel F. Torrealday was at the controls. He was part of a four-aircraft flight which proceeded to the Utah Test and Training Range for a surface attack tactics mission that morning. While beginning his second attack run, Capt. Torrealday heard "a loud bang and metal grinding sounds" accompanied by rapid deceleration. He immediately initiated a zoom climb, jettisoned the external fuel tank, and turned toward the airport at Wendover, Utah. After three failed engine restart attempts, the F-16 passed through minimum ejection altitude. At 9:59 a.m. Capt. Torrealday ejected and parachuted to safety while #90-0814 crashed on the Bonneville Salt Flats nearby. A helicopter from Hill AFB picked him up shortly thereafter. An accident review board determined that the crash was caused by low-altitude engine failure. Special thanks to Michael Lyons for help with locating this crash site. Site visited on 6/10/21.





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Lt. Col. Miguel "Mike" Torrealday in 2010 (Photo courtesy of the 944th Fighter Squadron)



F-16CJ #90-0814 at Hill AFB, Utah, prior to the accident (Photo by Bob den Engelsman, courtesy of F-16.net)