



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location:	Shanksville, PA	Accident Number:	DCA01MA065
Date & Time:	09/11/2001,	Registration:	N591UA
Aircraft:	Boeing 757	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Defining Event:		Injuries:	44 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 121: Air Carrier - Scheduled		

Analysis

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Safety Board provided requested technical assistance to the FBI, and any material generated by the NTSB is under the control of the FBI. The Safety Board does not plan to issue a report or open a public docket.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The Safety Board did not determine the probable cause and does not plan to issue a report or open a public docket. The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Safety Board provided requested technical assistance to the FBI, and any material generated by the NTSB is under the control of the FBI.

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: CRUISE

Findings

1. (C) HIJACKING - PERFORMED - PASSENGER

Factual Information

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Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport; Commercial	Age:	43, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):		Second Pilot Present:	
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	
Medical Certification:		Last Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:			

Co-Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport; Commercial	Age:	36, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):		Second Pilot Present:	
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	
Medical Certification:		Last Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:			

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Boeing	Registration:	N591UA
Model/Series:	757	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal; Transport	Serial Number:	28142
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:		Certified Max Gross Wt.:	255000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	
Operator:	United Airlines	Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	Flag carrier (121)
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	UA

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:		Condition of Light:	
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Observation Time:	
Distance from Accident Site:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility:	
Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:		Visibility (RVR):	
Altimeter Setting:		Visibility (RVV):	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	NEWARK, NJ (EWR)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	
Destination:	SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFO)	Type of Clearance:	
Departure Time:		Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:		IFR Approach:	
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	7 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	37 Fatal	Aircraft Fire:	
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	
Total Injuries:	44 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): _____ Adopted Date: 03/07/2006

Additional Participating Persons: _____

Publish Date: _____

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