

Plane Crash (TV VO)
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They were trying to save a man's life..and tragically... it has cost them their lives. Four members of an M-U-S-C heart transplant team and two pilots were killed this morning when their plane crashed in the Francis Marion Forest near McClellanville.

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Super: Francis Marion Forest/
Near McClellanville

They were taking a heart to a desperately ill man in Myrtle Beach when...shortly after takeoff from Charleston International Airport...the pilot reported trouble controlling the Cessna jet's trim system, which controls the plane's bank and pitch. The pilot then said he was returning to Charleston...but officials say that was the last communication.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating.

Graphic full screen with names of victims

The dead transplant team members have been identified as cardiac surgeon Katherine Pinch...transplant donation specialists Richard Moore and Michael Shapiro,...and physician-in-training Maram Longford....all from M-U-S-C. Pilots Dennis Wholey and Robert Sadera also died.

N-T-S-B officials say they will soon speak to the media. We will bring that to you live.

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