

# Small plane crashes near Emigrant Gap

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The Placer County Sheriff's Department is working to identify two people who were found dead this afternoon inside a crashed airplane near Emigrant Gap.

The plane, a single-engine Piper Cherokee Arrow, initially was believed to have departed from Watsonville for Auburn, but a Federal Aviation spokesman said later information indicated the pilot had departed from Auburn. His intended destination is not known.

The FAA's online registry identifies the registered owner as Monterey Bay Aviation Inc. of Watsonville, which does business as United Flight. A representative of the firm could not be reached for comment.

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