

DATE & PLACE	TYPE ACFT	HIGH INT?	MAJCOM & MISHAP WING	# EARLY REL.	SYNOPSIS/STATUS
<p>30 April 02</p> <p>Gulf of Mexico, near Panama City, FL</p>	<p>F-15C</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>AFMC</p> <p>40th FTS, AFMC</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>FACTS: At approximately 0912 hours, mishap aircraft (MA) went down in the Gulf of Mexico, near Panama City, FL, in the Range Whisky 151 area. Mishap occurred on a test mission with AIM 9x CATM weapon onboard. Mishap pilot (MP) was conducting a captive carry flight test for a new air-to-air missile when MA went down. Search and Rescue efforts were initiated at Langley AF Rescue Control Center (AFRCC) and the Coast Guard. Four aircraft, to include a C-130, and numerous boats were sent to the last known location. The wingman witnessed the aircraft go down, but did not see a parachute. No emergency locator transmitter (ELT) was heard.</p> <p>STATUS: <u>SIB in progress. AIB appointments being made.</u></p>