

Air Guards' First Dart Michigan Air Guard Capt. Maurice Nugent was caught just inches off the runway in this photo as he delivered the first of 15 F106 Delta Darts to Fresno's 144th Fighter Interceptor Group in its conversion from F102 Delta Daggers. The braking chute has been deployed, but has not yet opened. Nugent's home unit, the 191st Fighter Interceptor Group based at Selfridge Air Force Base, Mich., is scheduled to provide two more F106s to the Fresno unit. This aircraft will be used for training ground crews, then flown to Jacksonville, Fla., for modifications before returning to Fresno.

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