FRENCH DAREDEVIL PLUMMETS 100FT TO HIS DEATH AFTER HOT AIR BALLOON STUNT GOES WRONG

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A man known for his high-risk tightrope walking has died in a stunt that went wrong.

Tancrede Melet, a slackliner, jumper and wingsuiter from France, accidentally fell more than 100ft to his death while getting ready to perform with a hot air balloon.

He was taking part in an artistic project, believed to be tightrope walking between hot air balloons, at the time and fell while being suspended at the basket at arm's length, according to his colleagues.

The tragic incident happened in Drome, France, on Tuesday.

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Mr Melet was born in Meurthe-et-Moselle and grew up in Herault, but had discovered the joys of the mountains in the Verdon

Frenchman Tancrede Melet, an expert slackliner, BASE jumper and wingsuiter, was part of a group of stuntmen known as the Flying Frenchies

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He was renowned for his death-defying tightrope walks performed all over the world from mountain

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Trancrede Melet, 32, from France, became renowned for his stunts all over the world

The 32-year-old father-of-one was part of the stuntmen group called the Flying Frenchies, who were also know as the 'Skyliners'.

They are known for their death-defying tightrope walks performed all over the world from mountain peaks to skyscrapers

On their Facebook page, a spokesman for the team said:'Tancrede Melet, a surprising lover of life, surprised us by leaving us too soon.

'He leaves behind wonderful memories, a taste of freedom and a head full of dreams,'

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