MORGAN FREEMAN'S PLANE CRASH LANDS IN MISSISSIPPI AFTER TIRE BLOWOUT

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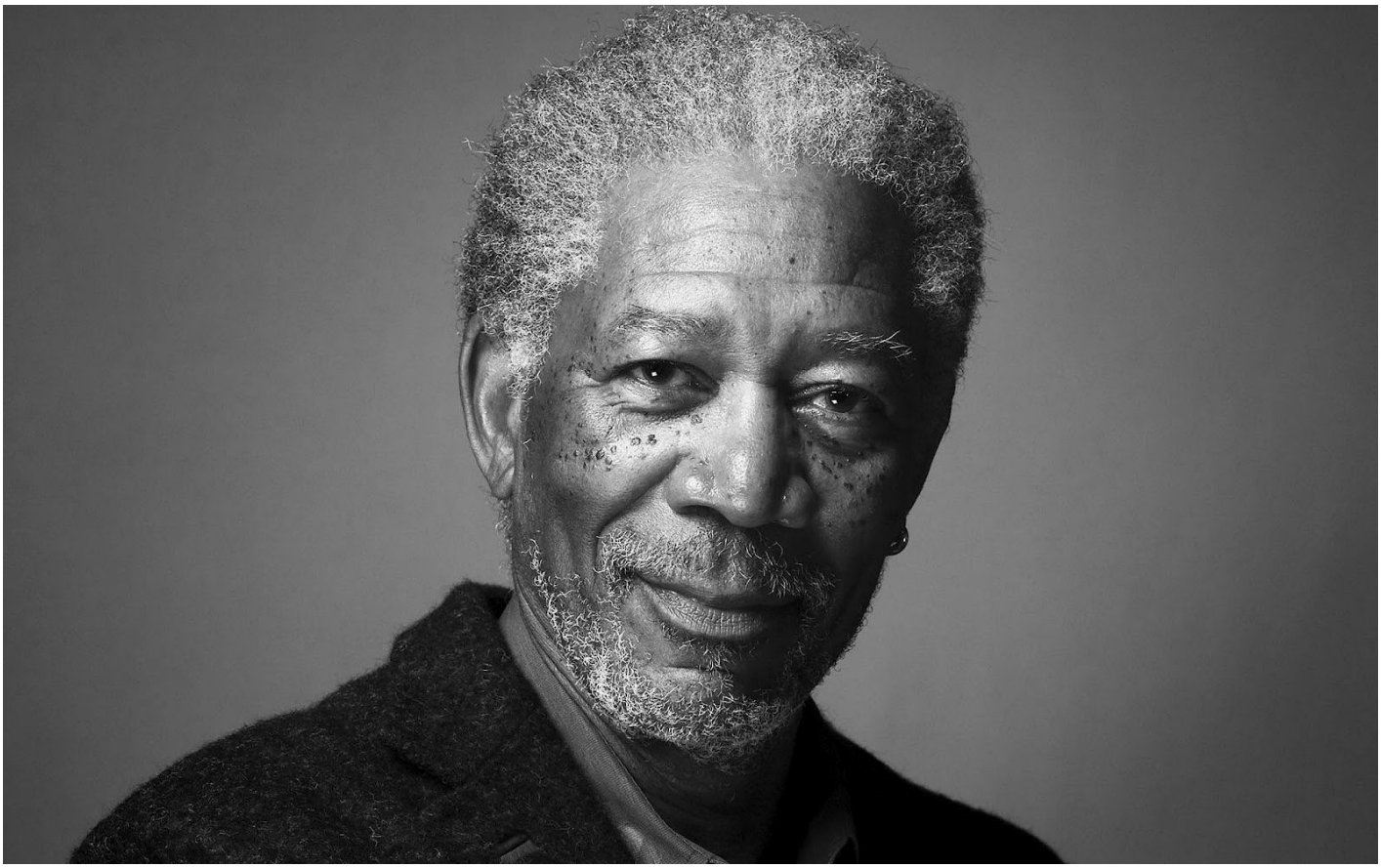

A plane that Morgan Freeman was on crash landed in Tunica, Mississippi on Saturday.

The 78-year-old actor has not suffered any injuries.

Freeman told TheWrap in a statement: "I was on my plane on the way to Texas to shoot a segment for The Story of God."

"Sometimes things don't go as planned and a tire blew on take-off which caused other problems. But thanks to my excellent pilot Jimmy Hobson we landed safely without a scratch."

He added: "I cannot say the same about my plane."

After the tire blowout, TMZ reports that the pilot had to make an emergency landing in Tunica, 36 miles away from where the Houston-bound jet took off in Clarksdale.

The website reports that the plane - which is believed to be owned by the Oscar winner veered off the end of the runway and into a dirt field after landing.

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It's unclear what jet Freeman was travelling in, although it is known that he owns an US$8million Syberjet SJ30.

In September of last year, Freeman safely landed his private jet -- which he was piloting -- after it began malfunctioning en route to the Toronto International Film Festival.

'The slats would not retract in the air,' he told The Hollywood Reporter. "On the ground they were fine, but in the air they were a problem. We were about 10 minutes in the air trying to get them to retract but they didn't so we went back and landed."

Freeman was seriously injured in a car crash in 2008, when the vehicle he was driving flipped multiple times on a Mississippi highway.

The actor still wears a compression glove on his paralyzed left hand, which supports the hand and puts pressure on it to increase blood flow to stop blood from pooling there.

Freeman has previously admitted to being in near constant pain as he continues to suffer from fibromyalgia -- chronic widespread pain -- stemming from his broken shoulder.

Sadly, despite doctors promising it would improve by 2011, his left hand remains immobile due to the severe nerve damage he suffered in the 2008 crash, and he has to wear the compression glove to keep the blood flow going.

Speaking about the injury just after the crash, the Dark Knight Rises star managed to remain matter of fact about the crippling affliction.

"I suffered nerve damage and it hasn't gotten better. I can't move it," he said at the time. "If you don't move your hand, it will swell up. Do you know you move your hand about a million times a day?"

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