

OTERO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
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NAME: Glenn C. Elkins

DOB: [REDACTED]

PH# [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY Round Rock

ST. Tx

I, Glenn C. Elkins, ON TODAY'S DATE WAS PILOT IN COMMAND OF A BELL 206 LONG RANGER. TAIL NUMBER 202. WHILE FLYING SOUTH EAST ABOUT 6 NM FROM LHX AIRPORT DOING PIPELINE VIDEO TAPING AT ABOUT 50 FEET AGL, APPROXIMATELY 45 KTS (GS), THE AIRCRAFT HAD A SLIGHT YAW TO THE LEFT THEN WENT INTO AN IMMEDIATE RIGHT YAW SPIN. I IMMEDIATELY TREATED IT LIKE LTE + LOWERED THE COLLECTIVE, ADDED RIGHT PEDAL AND ATTEMPTED TO FLY OUT OF IT. I WAS ABLE TO KEEP THE AIRCRAFT LEVEL AND ~~DOWN~~ CUSHION THE LANDING WITH COLLECTIVE + CHOK. THE WHOLE INCIDENT TOOK 3-5 SECONDS. ~~THE INCIDENT TOOK~~

There were two passengers on board and both were able to walk around after the landing. The aircraft came to rest on its side. The wind appeared to shift directions about 1/4 mile prior to the incident. I was able to feel the tail moving as we continued. ~~Nothing follows~~

Nothing follows

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

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NAME: RODNEY FARIS

DOB: [REDACTED]

PH# [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY LAGRANGE

ST. TX

ON THE DAY OF 5-7-13 I WAS WORKING DOING
PIPELINE VIDEO OF THE ROW. ~~WHEN~~ WE HAD JUST
GOTTEN FUEL AT LA JUNTA AIRPORT AND HAD GONE
ABOUT 20-30 MILES SOUTH. MY JOB WAS CAMERA
MAN SO I WAS LOOKED IN ON THE VIDEO SCREEN
WHEN THE AIRCRAFT SLIGHTLY TURNED LEFT THEN STARTED
TO ~~TURN~~ ^{TURN} RIGHT, THERE WAS NOTHING OUT OF THE
ORDINARY WHEN IT FELT LIKE SOMETHING LET LOOSE
AND THE HELICOPTER STARTED SPINNING VIOLENTLY
TO THE RIGHT. I BRACED FOR IMPACT AND WHEN
WE CAME TO A STOP AFTER THE CRASH I GOT OUT
AND HELPED THE OTHERS OUT BEFORE GETTING AWAY
IN CASE OF EXPLOSION. WE WAITED FOR AUTHORITIES
AND WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

IN ADDITION I WAS SITTING IN THE FRONT LEFT
CO-PILOTS SEAT IN WHICH THERE WERE NO CONTROLS
ON MY SIDE

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

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NAME: JERALD L. PLUNKETT DOB: [REDACTED] PH: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] CITY ROUND ROCK ST. TX

I, JERALD L. PLUNKETT BEING AN EMPLOYEE @ SAM INC,
WAS PERFORMING MY JOB AS AN ACQUISITION TECH, IN THE REAR
OF THE HELICOPTER. WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN THE TAIL END OF THE HELICOPTER
SPUN TO THE LEFT AND THEN TO THE RIGHT. GIVEN THE PILOT CALLED FOR
US TO HANG ON. HELICOPTER WENT DOWN.

SIGNED: [REDACTED]