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Today, 31st of May 2014, I arrived at Temple Airport at 10:00 a.m. for a helicopter demo with pilot Colin Hudson. After a general intro to the Helo, I was seated inside and restrained. Colin entered the main seat and went point for point for the preflight checklist from a laminated card. After checks were done and the rotors were up to speed, we lifted off and taxied away from the hangar around to the flight line. Colin then set the helicopter down to adjust the headsets and prepare for the flight. As soon as we touched down, the helicopter began an uneven shake. Within a few seconds, the whole cockpit was violently oscillating to which I saw Colin doing all he could to control the instruments before the cockpit seemed to pitch to my side. I braced my head and heard a loud bang which must have been the rotors hitting the ground. There was a violent jolt and everything became still. I looked to Colin who was shutting down the power. He asked if I was ok, I replied that I was. I then unbuckled the seatbelt and exited from my side and moved away from the helicopter. Colin then exited and moved over to me and verified that I was ok. EMS came over to us, took down our information and checked that we were ok. After all was cleared, I prepared this statement and was free to go.

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