



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum

Date: October 29, 2015

To: Marita A. Burgess, Manager, General Aviation Technical Branch, ACE-230

From: Larry Arenholz, Manager, Des Moines FSDO, CE-01

Prepared by: Tony L. Will, Principal Avionics Inspector

Subject: Unreported Accident, N5335U

Background:

During routine surveillance of a Part 145 repair station in Sioux City Iowa, October 27, 2015, we discovered some wreckage of a helicopter including rotor blades in the hanger. A former employee of the repair station informed use that one of the owners wrecked the helicopter. We questioned the other employees about the wreckage and they informed us that the helicopter was in an accident in Hudson Wisconsin in June of 2014 and that the pilot did not have rotorcraft rating and was carrying a passenger that was injured in the accident.

Current Issues:

We have contacted the pilot's flight instructor and it appears he had 35 hours of flight training and was not endorsed for solo flight. (Logbook request sent)

The aircraft accident occurred at a business in Hudson Wisconsin. A letter was sent requesting an access to location and employees. One of the employees was the passenger in the helicopter when it crashed.

Contacted the NTSB to inquire to how they would like the accident investigation conducted.

The registration numbers were covered by black vinyl tape, the insurance company was not informed of the accident, and aircraft logbooks cannot be located at this time.
(Request letter sent)

Pilot Information:

Travis Matthew Stein was reported the unrated Pilot-In-Command (PIC) for this flight.

Certificate Number: [REDACTED],

AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT –
AIRPLANE SINGLE ENGINE LAND
AIRPLANE MULTIENGINE LAND

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR -
AIRPLANE SINGLE AND MULTIENGINE LAND
INSTRUMENT AIRPLANE

GROUND INSTRUCTOR
ADVANCED
INSTRUMENT

MECHANIC
AIRFRAME AND POWERPLANT

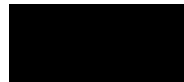
Total of 8000 Flight Hours

Political/Media Considerations:

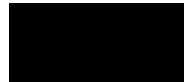
Minimal

Points of Contact:

DSM-FSDO-01
Manager, Larry Arenholz
Acting FLM, Airworthiness, James Konig



PAI, Tony L. Will
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NTSB IIC

(Not established yet)

Attachment(s):

Photos of wreckage