



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Texas DPS – Trooper Cooper
NTSB Accident Number: CEN16FA315

Narrative:

During a conversation with Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Cooper, he stated he interviewed the student pilot following the accident. According to the student pilot, the flight instructor and student pilot were flying about 1,100 feet above ground level (agl) when they attempted a practice autorotation which included a simulated engine failure, or reducing the throttle to idle power. When the engine power was reduced, the engine lost total power. The flight instructor attempted to restart the engine; however, was unsuccessful. The student pilot stated the autorotation was initially controlled, but then the helicopter impacted the terrain in a high speed descent. During the impact, the tail boom partially separated, and the helicopter rolled over coming to rest on its right side.

Trooper Cooper and other first responders to the accident site noticed that fuel was leaking from the helicopter fuel tanks.