



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person: Jefferson Riff, Inspector, FAA Houston FSDO
NTSB Accident Number: CEN16LA040

During the course of the investigation, Inspector Riff made the following statements:

While conducting a personal flight around the Arcola/Sugarland Texas Area, the pilot experienced a “spike in RPM then a loss of power”. The loss of power was followed by an emergency landing with an auto rotation into an empty lot in a residential neighborhood. The helicopter sustained substantial damage. The pilot was up and walking when EMS personnel arrived, then complained of back pain and was transported to Memorial Herman Medical Center in Sugarland Texas.

After the initial impact with the ground, the aircraft rolled left came to rest on the left side of the helicopter. The tail boom was severed from the fuselage and landed more than 150 feet from the main wreckage. A visual inspection of the engine did not show any overt signs of catastrophic failure.

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