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Flight Standards District Office
4915 South Howell Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53207

FAA STATEMENT OF WITNESS

This statement is intended for use in determining the facts, conditions and circumstances of the subject accident and to discharge the nine FAA responsibilities.

Date 6/12/17 1500

Place of accident Kenosha, WI (ENW) Date 6-17 Hour 1630

Type of vehicle _____

Identification of vehicle _____

What is your name? James C. Knollenberg

Address _____

Occupation Private Pilot Employed by _____

Where were you at the time of the accident? In circus where taxiway D meets ramp

Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

I just landed coming around curve to where taxiway D meets the ramp. Two helicopters were running. My hangar is the one immediately west of the Lakeshore Helicopter hangar. Normally I taxi behind the helicopters that are running, but the accident helicopter was on the cart with the rotors turning at a high rate of speed. So I stopped to wait. Stopped 100' away staring at it. The helicopter rose rapidly to approx. 20'-30'. When it got there it started to wildly gyrate, bobble, maybe spun once before descending and crashing on its side.

Paraphrased by Inspector Ray Hank

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- Helicopter initially facing the hangar and appeared to be on the cart.
- Did not see any parts depart the helicopter.



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Date 6/12/17 1400

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Type of vehicle _____

Identification of vehicle _____

What is your name? Coren C. Thompson

Address _____

Occupation Business, Capt Employed by Airlines

Where were you at the time of the accident? In first seat of DeCathalon, Triway D1

Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

Just landed 33 to the north. Just as we started
taxiing toward the ramp I saw a big piece of metal
fly through the air - high velocity - high parabolic like arc.
Helicopter was about 10' off the ground. As soon as
the piece came off the helicopter started acting like a
bucking bronco. It was over in 2-3 seconds, did not
see the tail section fly off with other piece (tail rotor).
May have come off at main impact.

Emphasized by Inspector Jay Pant
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Date 6-8-2017

Place of accident Kenosha, WI (ENW) Date 6-4-17 Hour 1630

Type of vehicle _____

Identification of vehicle _____

What is your name? Timothy G. Thompson

Address _____

Occupation Retired Delta Capt. Employed by _____

Where were you at the time of the accident? In Decathlon on taxiway D1

Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

Just landed, turned onto taxiway D1 heading west.
As we got to east ramp my son said "hey look!"
It appeared a large piece of the helicopter flung off.
The helicopter was by line of sight 10' above the other
helicopter parked on the ramp just west.
Things went nuts, the helicopter spun around and
slammed into the ground.

Paraphrased by Inspector Jay Kent
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