



June 13, 2018

To Whom This May Concern:

On Saturday, June 9, 2018 Mark Frey and Jonathan Bahr flew helicopter N529DW from 57C to Dockside Tavern in Oshkosh, WI. Jonathan Bahr and Mark Frey landed at approximately 9:30 a.m. and shut down. Jonathan Bahr restarted the helicopter N529DW at approximately 11:00 a.m. and departed with photographer, Pete Boden. Jonathan Bahr landed back at Dockside Tavern after flying to the West with the photographer taking photos of boats at approximately 12:30 p.m. The photographer, Pete Boden exited the helicopter, N529DW. Jonathan Bahr departed immediately to the South to get fuel at the Oshkosh Airport. Jonathan Bahr was the only one on board N529DW at this time.

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Record of Telephone Conversation

Person Interviewed: Pete Boden - Photographer

Date: June 10, 2018

Subject: – CEN18FA215

He had been hired to take photographs of the Four Horseman Poker Run.

The helicopter picked him up in a field next to Dockside [Tavern] around 11:00 and they flew for about 1:30 – 1:45 minutes. After takeoff they flew along the rivers and lakes to the west, crossing over 3 or 4 bridges. They flew orbits at various times during the flight to photograph the boats. He said the total distance was about 5 or 6 miles. When they got to the end of the run, they turned around, and returned to land in the field next to the tavern. Johnathan was going to go get fuel, return to Dockside for a sightseeing flight, then he was going to go fly for another hour with him.

He stated that Johnathan was going to the airport to get fuel when the accident occurred. He stated there was about ¼ tank of fuel in the main fuel tank when he was dropped off.

He stated that there were no problems with the helicopter during their flight. It was functioning normally. He had flown in this same helicopter before in Florida.

He stated they talked about the bridges and powerlines along the route during their flight. They crossed several bridges and he stated that most of the bridges had powerlines near them

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