



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 07/24/2018
Person Contacted: Foresteen Corey (Accident Pilot)
NTSB Case Number: CEN18LA290

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Foresteen Corey to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via telephone.

- Prior to the flight, she gave all the passengers a safety briefing. One of the items she went over with the passengers was to not touch anything. She mentioned about not touching the flight controls and keeping their feet off the tail rotor pedals.
- The purpose of the local area flight was for sightseeing with a family member and friends.
- After flying in the local area and refueling, the pilot landed to a grass field to facilitate the passengers switching their seat positions in the helicopter. During the seat switching process, the pilot reduced the throttle to the flight idle position. After the passengers switched seats and secured their restraint systems, with one passenger stationed in the front left seat, and two passengers stationed in the cabin, the pilot increased the throttle to 100 percent and lifted off from the field.
- About 3 seconds after liftoff, and about 15 feet above ground level with about 5 knots of forward airspeed and heading about 270 degrees, the helicopter spun several revolutions to the right. The pilot reported she applied full left pedal with no response from the helicopter. During the loss of control sequence, the pilot observed the torque gauge "jump" and she heard a "whining" noise emit from the engine. Prior to the helicopter impacting terrain, the pilot reduced the throttle to the flight idle position.
- The left skid impacted the ground, the helicopter rolled to the left, and came to rest on the left side of the fuselage. The pilot executed an emergency shutdown and the occupants egressed from the helicopter without further incident. After egressing from the helicopter, the occupants were in an area with adequate cellular phone reception and contacted first responders for assistance.



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Date: 08/29/2018
Person Contacted: Ted Bear (Front Left Seat Passenger)
NTSB Case Number: CEN18LA290

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Ted Bear to the NTSB investigator-in-charge, via telephone.

- Prior to the flight, the pilot gave all the passengers a safety briefing. One of the items she went over with the passengers was to not touch any flight controls.
- Ted was sitting in the front left seat when the accident occurred.
- He used his restraint system and his hands were on his lap.
- He was asked if he had his feet on top of the tail rotor pedals as a footrest, and reported "that or on the floor," and then stated he was not sure.