



RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE

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Person: Leslie Thompson, Federal Aviation Administration Inspector, IND FSDO
NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA304

According to information provided by Leslie Thompson, a witness stated that the pilot was performing a maintenance test flight, after a 100-hour interval and annual inspection was performed. The pilot completed three or four short flights around the pilot's property before taking off and traveling southerly at an altitude of about 20 ft above ground level. A witness stated that it looked like the helicopter was exiting effective translational lift when the helicopter dipped, it turned right abruptly, and hit the ground. A post-crash fire started immediately, and the wreckage was destroyed.

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