

Sorensen Tim

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To: Sorensen Tim
Subject: RE: CEN21FA239 -- Pearland, TX

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Tim,

I was flying an R22 on 30 May 2021 approximately 1445L/1945Z at Pearland Regional Airport (KLVJ) and witnessed the crash of the white and blue PZL Wilga. I was conducting a flight review with Eric Simpson. We doing hover work with a student on the intersection of parallel taxiway (A) and A4, facing roughly south. We were going to cross runway 14 at A4 and do more hover work on the NE side of the airport. Winds were fairly light. We turned left and looked both directions down the runway 14/32 to make sure it was clear before crossing. I observed no traffic to my right (departing 14 or landing 32) as I heard a CTAF call for an airplane on left base I looked left and observed a white and blue airplane PZL Wilga on a short left base to final turn to runway 14. I announced "Pearland traffic, Helicopter 938SH holding short at A4 for landing traffic". The white and blue Wilga touched down just short of the 1000' markers. The main landing gear was on the runway, I couldn't see or didn't notice if the tail was down. Shortly after landing, maybe a few seconds, the Wilga veered abruptly to the right. For a brief moment I thought it was exiting the runway on purpose, then realized that this was not on purpose. The wings were fairly level and it appeared for a brief second that the Wilga might be airborne as it veered into the very large drainage ditch, but it did not and impacted hard on the bank of the drainage ditch between the runway 14 and parallel taxiway A. The impact tore the engine from the aircraft. Another airplane that was holding short at A5 announced on CTAF/ Pearland UNICOM that there had been an plane crash. I immediately hovered closer and landed about 200' away from the crash on the parallel Taxiway A. I was concerned about post crash fire so I didn't get any closer. As I shut the helicopter down, my student Eric Simpson exited the helicopter and ran toward the crash. About 1 minute later once I had shut down, I got out of the R22 and there was a woman with dark hair on the taxiway walking my direction. She was holding her right forearm with her left hand. She was bruised but no visible bleeding. I asked her "if there was anyone else in there?" (the aircraft) and she said, "Yes, my husband, I think he's dead!" I walked her away from the crash as other vehicles arrived on the taxiway. Joe from the FBO and a few others that I didn't know or recognize. A man in a black Bentley stopped and asked what happened and she said "He's dead" that man continued to the crash, 2 men in a white SUV offered to help and took her for medical attention. By then the emergency crews were coming and I moved the helicopter off the taxiway to make way.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Respectfully,

Judah Lyons
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From: [Guido Lyons](#)
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RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Timothy N. Sorensen
Aviation Accident Investigator
Central Region

Date: June 3, 2021
Person Contacted: Eric Simpson
NTSB Accident Number: CEN21FA239 – Pearland, Texas

Narrative:

Mr. Simpson was in a helicopter hovering along the taxiway at the time of the accident. When he looked toward the end of the runway, he observed the airplane impact the ditch and come to rest adjacent to the taxiway. He did not observe the initial part of the accident sequence.

Mr. Simpson and the instructor hover taxied toward the accident site. He hopped out and ran to the airplane. The woman seated in the left front seat exited the airplane on her own as the airplane came to rest. A man was seated in the right front seat; he did not appear to move. The woman stated she thought that her husband was dead and that she needed to go to the hospital.

Mr. Simpson recalled the weather conditions as a light wind from the south about 5 ~ 7 knots and a few clouds about 4,000 ft. It was “definitely VFR.”

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