

Fox Todd

From: Fox Todd
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:28 AM
To: Fox Todd
Subject: FW: N421PB FW: Statement

From: Orpin, Daniel (FAA) [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 4:04 PM
To: Gonsalves, Joseph (FAA) [REDACTED]; Behrends, Joseph D (FAA) [REDACTED];
Smith, Jeff L (FAA) [REDACTED]; Reinhard, Dieter C (FAA) [REDACTED]; Scott Arnold
[REDACTED]; Buerki, Daniel (FAA) [REDACTED]
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Here is the statement from the Mechanic/PAX that was riding along on the flight.

Daniel Orpin
Airworthiness FLM
Wichita FSDO
[REDACTED]

From: Kenneth Norman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 4:00 PM
To: Orpin, Daniel (FAA) [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Statement

April 9, 2021

Departed KTOP for KGCM at approximately 9:30 am on part 91 reposition flight with full fuel pilot and one passenger. While in cruise at about 2000 MSL noticed a low rotor rpm warning horn with NO associated caution light. Noted NF and NR droop, and pilot was managing RPM with collective at 70% on FLI. Began evaluating Airport and off airport landing sites. As situation deteriorated and RPM continued to droop a precautionary landing decision was made, LZ identified and on final approach Rotor Speed drooped further during entry into auto- rotation and landed in residential area short of first selected field.

Kenneth Norman

On Apr 9, 2021, at 12:48 PM, Orpin, Daniel (FAA) [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Ken,

Please respond with a statement regarding the events of today.

Daniel Orpin
Airworthiness FLM
Wichita FSDO
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