

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Wheeling State: IL

ZIP: 60070 Country: _____

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 8-11-2021 Local Time: 0640

mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: CST

Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☐ None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N4043B

Manufacturer: Robinson

Model: R44 RavenII

Serial Number: 14431

Year of Manufacture: 2021

Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: _____

- ☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified
☐ Commercial Space Flight
☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 2600 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 2,050 lbs

Number of Seats: 4 Flight Crew Seats: _____

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: _____

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft

- ☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply)

Standard

- ☐ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☐ Utility

Special

- ☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☐ Experimental Light-Sport

- ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Landing Gear

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Retractable

- ☐ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☒ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel

- ☐ Other Launch/Recovery System

- ☐ None ☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☐ Reciprocating ☐ Liquid Rocket
☐ Turbo Shaft ☐ Solid Rocket
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Hybrid Rocket
☐ Turbo Jet ☐ None
☐ Turbo Fan ☐ Unknown
☐ Electric

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☐ Carburetor ☒ Fuel-Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Rated Power ☐ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Lycoming IO-540							
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

- ☐ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection
☐ Annual ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 70 hrs

hours measured at (Select one)

- ☐ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select one)

- ☒ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐ None
☐ Specify: _____

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model or Part No.: _____

TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT Activate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not activated:

- Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage
☐ Fire Damage
☐ Battery Expired/Damaged
☐ Unknown

Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)

- ☒ ADS-B
☐ Airframe Parachute
☐ Angle of Attack Indicator
☒ Autopilot
☐ Data Recorder
☐ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
☐ Electronic Multifunction Display
☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display
☐ Handheld GPS
☐ Heads Up Display
☐ Onboard Weather
☐ Satellite Tracking Device
☐ Stall Warning System
☐ Video Recording Device
☐ Other, Specify: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION			
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>Crown Point Helicopter LLC</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		City: <u>Morton Grove</u> State: <u>IL</u> ZIP: <u>60053</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	
Operator of Aircraft ☒ Same As Registered Owner Name: _____ Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		☒ Same Address as Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	
Operating Certificates Held <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129) ☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135) ☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135) ☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136) ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137) ☐ Pilot School (FAR 141) ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ Commercial Space Transportation Experimental Permit ☐ Commercial Space Transportation License ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft	Regulation Flight Conducted Under ☐ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415 ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431 ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435 ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ Public Aircraft <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Armed Forces ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 <i>(Select one for each group)</i> ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International ☐ Passenger ☐ Cargo ☐ Mail Contract Only	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No		Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	
AIRPORT INFORMATION <i>(Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)</i>			
Airport Name: <u>Palwaukee Executive Airport</u> Airport Identifier: <u>KPWK</u> Proximity to Airport: ☒ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A		Distance From Airport Center: <u>1</u> sm Direction From Airport: <u>SE</u> degrees true Airport Elevation: _____ ft. msl	
Runway Information Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft		Condition of Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Dry ☐ Holes ☐ Ice Covered ☐ Rough ☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Soft ☐ Vegetation ☒ Water-Calm ☐ Water-Choppy ☐ Water-Glassy ☐ Wet ☐ Unknown	
Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Asphalt ☐ Concrete ☐ Dirt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Gravel ☐ Ice ☐ Macadam ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Snow ☐ Water ☐ Unknown		Approach/Departure Segment <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Taxi ☒ Takeoff ☐ Initial Climb ☐ VFR Departure ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Landing ☐ Downwind ☐ Base ☐ Final ☐ Crosswind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Go Around ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown) ☐ Unknown	
IFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ SDF ☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ VOR/DME ☐ TACAN ☐ PAR ☐ Sidestep ☐ ILS ☐ Localizer Only ☐ LOC-back course ☐ RNAV ☐ MLS ☐ LDA ☐ ASR ☐ Visual ☐ Contact ☐ Circling ☐ Practice ☐ GPS ☐ Unknown		VFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Straight-In ☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Go Around ☐ Full Stop ☐ Stop and Go ☐ Touch and Go ☐ Simulated Forced Landing ☐ Forced Landing ☐ Precautionary Landing ☐ Unknown	

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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)						
Crew Name and Address			Seat Occupied		Injury	
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)						
Name and Address	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type		Inflatable Restraints	Age
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION				
Last Departure Point Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	Time of Departure Time: _____ Time Zone: _____	Destination Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	Type Flight Plan Filed ☐ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown	
Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise ☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA				
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply) ☐ Class A ☐ Class G ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Special ☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Unknown ☐ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ TRSA ☐ FAR 93 ☐ Class E ☐ Restricted Area				Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft msl
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE				
Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply) ☐ National Weather Service ☐ Company ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet ☐ Automated Report ☐ None ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Unknown ☐ On-Board Weather		Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true		
Basic Conditions ☐ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Day ☐ Dusk ☐ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Unknown		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☐ Clear ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown ☐ Scattered		Ceiling ☐ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown		Temperature: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: _____ in. Hg or _____ MB
Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl		Ceiling Height _____ ft agl		
Wind Direction ☐ Variable -or- Direction: 190 degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: 6 kts	Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	Visibility _____ miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft	
Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown	Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals		Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown	
Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Turbulence Type (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence Severity ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme	
NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident: 				

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY			
Aircraft Damage ☐ None ☐ Substantial ☐ Minor ☒ Destroyed ☐ Unknown	Aircraft Fire ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time ☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown	Aircraft Explosion ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time ☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown	
Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property <i>(Use additional sheet if necessary)</i> Hhelicopter total loss and hit an trafig signal pole			
NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT <i>(Please type or print in ink)</i> Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible. In 8-7-2021 i flew from Crown Point Helicopter Morton Grove Helipad (CPH) to KPWK Hawthorne to fill up helicopter with 100LL for the trip i was about to make it couple days later to norther wisconsin. At my arrival i asked the fuel guys to fill it up and took aproximate 30-45 minutes untill they filled up my chopper and when i asked them why take so long they told me that they have to bring fuel from the other side ot airport since the trucks from ramp got water in from a storm from previous night. They filled the tanks up and i left back to CPH. in 8-10 around 6.40 AM i took off from CPH and i went to Plover WI- Steven Points WI- Marshfield WI taking care of my business. i filled the helicopter at Steven Points WI after that flew to Marshfield area where i had a meeting. Before departing back to CPH i stopped to marshfield airport to refill tanks in order to arrive on a straight shot back to chicago. I filled up and flew back to CPH helipad. The storm was about to hit and winds start catching up to 20kn gust 35kn and i did not felt comfortable to land at CPH helipad and i decided to go to KPWK Howthorne to land. I land there and i told the ramp guys to fill up my helicopter with 100LL top both tanks and to put it in hangar as storage or to tight it down on the concrete because the winds were supposed to be 60kn during the storm. they told me that they will take care and they will see me in the AM. I did a postflight inspection and after I left home. next day morning i woke up, checked weather and i saw that weather is calm with low wind and i decided to go to take the chopper to CPH helipad and resume my normal business day. i went to chopper, checked the chopper to make sure all good, checking make sure main rotor blades are good , tail rotor are good. after my inspection i did the inside inspection and checked fuel to make sure both tanks are full. After my inspection everything was looking ok. crank engine on(it took 3 times to be able to fire it up which normally i can fire it up from 1st or 2nd time and 3rd time i had to apply more throttle to fire it up) engine start, took my list and checked everything in coopkit to make sure all gauges are on green, hydraulics, magneto check, low rotor horn (i did go thru the entire list). everything was ok. I listen to the tower weather report to double check before departure and winds were 190@6kn. I decided that i can leave. I called tower ask them permission and i told them where i want to go. Tower approved. I hovered, check to make sure again is no leaks, no metal or parts on the ground. Was all clean and i decided to take off. i took of going NE(toward CPH helipad in Morton Grove IL). I was about 200 ft AGL and about 40kn when i was about to gain little more speed and climb toward 500 ft AGL. Right before i was about to move cycling forward to gain speed i saw the RPM going down and then horn came in- i checked immediately if any other lights are on or if any cluster is on red or yellow but everything was looking good. The only light was low RPM and the buzzer. I was looking to RPM cluster and then i saw the RPM going back up and i was looking again to the other clusters too to make sure is all ok and then suddenly RPM went above the governor and then start going back down and Low RPM light and buzzer came back. i was having in my mind to turn right away back at airport but when i saw the RPM falling under 80 then 70 i knew i wouldnt make it back for sure and i was in top of forest preserve.(in top of the trees). the next i heard was engine sound like detonations and i saw Main rotor RPM Gauge going down to nothing. At that time i enter in emergency mode and enter autorotation. While i was in autorotation i clipped my eyes one time, scan the area on the west(because forward and east was forest) called tower and told them im going down and same time turn west and going toward the point i choose for emergency landing. While i was scanning my target to do emergency landing i was looking for cables, electric poles cars. I saw the northbound was stopped before intersection and southbound had traffic on it so i decided to land on northbound in front of cars and before next stoplight since i was thinking that if i have to flare i had to make sure i do not hit the light. So i was going down trying to get as much energy as i could turn north , descent to street level and then i tried to flare. i realized that i do not have enough energy to flare and that chopper was not flaring and then i knew i had to cushion the landing i decide to nadge it forward and do a run on landing. I put chopper safe on the ground...did the run on landing and right before complete stop, i wasflipped on the right side so quick that i just saw plastics flying around. i exit the chopper thru the front windscreen and then i saw that i clipped a trafic pole with the main rotor blade (reason why chopper crashed on the side). if i had to estimate the time i enter in autorotation i belive was 1sec or under and probably no more than 8-15 seconds till touchdown. I was feeling was an hour but i know that i was way off the velocity diagraeme for that altitude and speed but i did what i was teached and i did the best i could to not hurt anybody and save my life as well.			

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)			
Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation			
MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)			
Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☐ No <i>(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)</i>			Total Time/Cycles On Part _____ Hours _____ Cycles Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled _____ Hours
FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION			
Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff <i>(Convert from pounds, as necessary)</i> 46 _____ Gallons	Fuel Type ☐ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ Jet B ☐ Other, specify _____ ☒ 100 Low Lead ☐ Jet A ☐ JP8 ☐ 100/130 ☐ Jet A-1 ☐ Automotive		
Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure			
EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFT			
Was an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location thru the front right windscreen			
OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)			
Aircraft Registration Number _____	Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	Damage to Other Aircraft ☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor ☐ Substantial ☐ None	
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____		Pilot of Other Aircraft Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Date of this Report

8-16-2021

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Name of Pilot/Operator: Ovidiu Astalus

Signature: _____

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