

Williams Shaun

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Shaun,

As it so happens this was one of the last days this pilot was working with the 137 operator and had planned to take a job up in Alaska. He told me he would be unavailable for some time. I did tell him to expect contact from the NTSB and that you will need a report from him.

I spoke with the pilot and have a statement, if you call it that. I asked him for all the details and to include all the events that took place that day up to the accident and didn't get what I was hoping for.

In speaking with the pilot he stated that he did an observation of the field and noted the power lines to the east of the field. I mistakenly thought the power pole he saw was the terminating end of the line. What he didn't notice was the power pole that was obscured by trees near a small house. He had made one pass and turned back to the west and went through the power line that he didn't know was there. At this point I don't know what his observation of the field entailed. I spoke with the farmer of the field and he said this company has been spraying his field for years now but has not met this pilot before so he assumes this was his first time working this field.

I have attached the information sheet that includes the brief statement the pilot provided. I haven't been able to have a good conversation with the pilot as the one time I spoke with him he was getting on an airplane on his way to AK. I plan to try reaching back out to him when I get back next week and also plan on reaching out to the operator again for some more information. The operator is supposed to be working on sending me maintenance documents on the aircraft.

I have also attached some pictures that I have to give you an idea of the field and the aircraft damage.

The insurance company contacted me yesterday looking for authorization to collect information and move the aircraft. I called him back today but haven't heard back from him yet.

Let me know if you have any more question or need more information.

I'll send you another email with a couple more pictures.

Regards,

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