



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Investigator name: Shaun Williams
Mode: Senior Aviation Accident Investigator
Region: Central

Date: August 30, 2022
Person Contacted: Rene Suprise
NTSB Accident Number: CEN22LA400

Narrative:

On August 20, 2022, a Robinson R44 II helicopter, N4447A, sustained substantial damage when it was involved in an accident near San Isidro, Texas. The pilot sustained serious injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)* Part 91 personal flight.

Mr. Suprise was the pilot-in-command of the helicopter at the time of the accident. He stated that he had been practicing auto-rotations and this was his last one. He had changed directions for this one and believes he had a tailwind. After starting the maneuver by rolling off the throttle, he "lost RPM" and attempted to increase the throttle, but there was not enough time before the helicopter impacted the ground.

He stated that there were no mechanical malfunctions with the helicopter and believed the hard landing was the result of a tailwind.

END OF INTERVIEW