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Date: July 06, 2024

Subject: CEN24FA248, Interview with Pilot's Family

Contact: Jeremey Faber, Son of Pilot
Ginny Faber, Daughter-in-law of Pilot

On July 06, 2024, the IIC spoke with Mr. and Mrs. Faber, the family of Vincent, the pilot of N51017. They discussed the history of the pilot's flying. Mr. and Mrs. Faber told the IIC that Vincent taught himself how to fly after building the helicopter. They stated that over the last 1-1/2 years he had been flying more frequently. Leading up to the accident he was flying weekly in preparation for a check ride. Mr. and Mrs. Faber stated that he would regularly fly in vicinity of his home to practice maneuvers to include autorotations.

When asked about the securement of the observed ballast used for the helicopter, the family stated the ballast was not secured because he positioned it in various areas of the helicopter to adjust the weight and balance.

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Date: August 01, 2024
Subject: Flight Instructor Telephone Interview
Contact: Orville Neisingh, Flight Instructor
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The IIC contacted the pilot's flight instructor, Mr. Orville Neisingh, via telephone on August 01, 2024. Mr. Neisingh stated that the pilot, Mr. Vincent Faber, contacted him to schedule additional flight training in September and that he was not comfortable performing autorotations. Mr. Neisingh confirmed that the last solo endorsement that he issued to Mr. Faber was on October 07, 2022. When asked about the pilot's Rotorway Scorpion 133's engine idle speed setting, Mr. Neisingh stated that the engine's idle speed was set to about 1,900 RPM.

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