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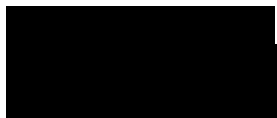
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To: Alex Lemishko
From: CMD Pilot Keith Gros Jr.
Ref: N67183 Incident

On March 26th, 2024 at approximately 1345hrs, I was in my office located at the State Police Hangar at the Baton Rouge Airport. Pilot Erin Williams was conducting a solo flight in helicopter N67183. While in my office, I heard the aircraft as it started. Everything sounded normal. Shortly after start up, I heard rapid tone changes in the rotor system as if the helicopter was spinning. I ran from my office to the ramp and observed N67183 settling to the ground pilot side skid first and then co-pilot side. The helicopter was at idle as I approached to check on Pilot Williams. I asked him what happened and he said "I lost my tail rotor". I looked at the tail rotor which appeared to be spinning with power. At a quick glance the helicopter appeared undamaged. I climbed into the co-pilot side and took the controls and did a functions check. All controls appeared to be functioning properly and all gauges were indicating normal operation. I advanced the throttle to full open. Once 100% rotor speed was reached, I rechecked all controls and gauges. All systems and gauges were operating and indicating normal. I began to slowly pull the collective until the helicopter was light on the skids and there was no adverse yaw. I brought the helicopter to a hover momentarily and repositioned it to the landing cart from which it departed. I landed the helicopter and Pilot Williams proceeded with the shutdown process. Pilot Williams informed me that he struck the stinger on the concrete. Maintenance was notified.

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