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Via Email and Certified US Mail 7007 2560 0001 1762 8152

Mr. Ralph Hicks
Air Safety Investigator
NTSB Central Region, Arlington Office
624 Six Flags Dr. Suite 150
Arlington, TX 76011

Dear Mr. Hicks:

The attachment is information concerning an accident, which occurred on May 13, 2011.
Attached is the following:

1. A completed NTSB ACCIDENT Form. (NTSB Form 6120)

If any additional information is required, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

PHI, Inc.



Robert P. Bouillion
Director of Health, Safety, Environmental & Quality

/enclosures

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

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

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Dauphine Island State: AL
ZIP: 36528 Country: USA
Latitude: 301130 N (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: 880130 W (ddd:mm:ss E/W)

Date/Time

Date: 05/13/2011 Local Time: 11:20 am
mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: CDT

Phase of Operation

☐ Standing ☒ Takeoff (incl. initial climb) ☐ Cruise ☐ Hover
☐ Taxi ☐ Climb ☐ Maneuvering ☐ Other
☐ Descent ☐ Landing ☐ Approach ☐ Unknown

Collision with Other Aircraft

☐ Midair
☐ On-ground
☒ None

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence

ft MSL

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Bell
Model: 206L-4
Serial Number: 52271
Registration Number: N226P Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Max Gross Weight: 4,450 lbs
Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 4,150 lbs
Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident:
____ inches from ☐ nose or ☐ datum
-or- _____ Percent Mean Aerodynamic Cord (% MAC)

Category of Aircraft

☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyrocraft
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered lift
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate
(Check all that apply)

Standard **Special**
☒ Normal ☐ Restricted
☐ Utility ☐ Limited
☐ Acrobatic ☐ Provisional
☐ Transport ☐ Experimental
☐ Special Flight
☐ Light Sport

Number of Seats: 7

If Large Aircraft, how many seats for:

Flight Crew: _____

Cabin Crew: _____

Passengers: _____

Landing Gear ☐ Retractable

Check any additional landing gear configuration that applies:

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

Type of Maintenance Program

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

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 05/09/2011

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 8,870 hrs

hours measured at (check one)

☒ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident

IFR Equipped

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Stall Warning System Installed

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Type of Fire Extinguishing System

☒ None
☐ Specify _____

ELT Installed

☒ Yes ☐ No

ELT Activated

☐ Yes ☐ No

ELT Manufacturer: ARTEX

Model/Series: C406-2HM

Serial Number: 170-01566

Battery Type: Lithium

Battery Exp. Date: JAN 2013

Engine Type

☐ Reciprocating ☐ Turbo Jet
☒ Turbo Shaft ☐ Turbo Fan
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Unknown

Reciprocating Fuel System Type

☐ Carburetor
☐ Fuel Injected

Propeller

☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Engine Rated Power Measured as (check one) ☐ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since Inspection (hours)	Time Since Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Rolls Royce	250C30P	CAE-896489	08/29/90		16,423	774	774
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION			
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>PHI, Inc.</u>		Owner Address City: <u>2001 SE Evangeline Thwy</u> State: <u>LA</u> ZIP: <u>70508</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	
Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Operator of Aircraft ☒ Same As Registered Owner	
Name: _____ Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		Operator Address ☒ Same As Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	
Regulation Flight Conducted Under ☐ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ Public Use (select type) ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ FAR 121 ☒ FAR 135 ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ Unknown ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ Armed Forces		Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	
Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one) ☐ Personal ☒ Business ☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Other Work Use ☐ Instructional ☐ Ferry ☐ Positioning ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Air Drop ☐ Air Race / Show ☐ Flight Test ☐ Public Use ☐ Unknown		Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 (Select one) ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☒ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi Domestic or International ☒ Domestic ☐ International	
Type of Commercial Operating Certificate Held (Select all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (129) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (135) ☒ On-Demand Air Taxi (135) ☐ Large Helicopter (127)		☐ Rotorcraft External Load (133) - or - ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (137) ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft	
OTHER AIRCRAFT COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)			
Aircraft Registration Number: _____		Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			
Pilot of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			
MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)			
Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown (If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)			Total Time/Cycles On Part _____ Hours _____ Cycles Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled _____ Hours
DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY			
Aircraft Damage ☐ None ☒ Substantial ☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed		Aircraft Fire ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Unknown Origin ☐ On-Ground	
Aircraft Explosion ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Unknown Origin ☐ On-Ground			

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property <i>(use additional sheet if necessary)</i> Water molding damage to air frame, M/R blades and T/R blades consistent with hard landing in water.			
AIRPORT INFORMATION <i>(if the accident/incident occurred on approach, takeoff or within 3 miles of an airport, complete this section)</i>			
Airport Identifier: _____		Distance From Airport Center: _____ SM	
Airport Name: _____		Direction From Airport: _____ degrees MAG	
Proximity to Airport ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport ☐ On Airstrip		Airport Elevation: _____ ft. MSL	
Approach Segment <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Landing ☐ Base leg ☐ Final ☐ Crosswind ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown) ☐ Go Around			
IFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS ☐ SDF ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Loran ☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual ☐ Unknown ☐ VOR/DME ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact ☐ Circling ☐ TACAN ☐ RNAV		VFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Stop and Go ☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Touch and Go ☐ Straight-In ☐ Simulated Forced Landing ☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Forced Landing ☐ Go Around ☐ Precautionary Landing ☐ Full Stop ☐ Unknown	
Runway Information Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft		Condition of Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm ☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy ☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy ☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet ☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft ☐ Unknown ☐ Slush Covered ☐ Vegetation	
Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water ☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown ☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow			
FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION			
Last Departure Point Airport ID: _____ City: <u>AL114CC</u> State: <u>GOMEX</u> Country: _____		Time of Departure Time: <u>11:18</u> Time Zone: <u>CDT</u>	
Destination Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: <u>GOMEX</u> Country: _____		Type Flight Plan Filed ☐ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☒ Company VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR Activated? ☒ Yes ☐ No	
Type of ATC Clearance/Service <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise ☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA			
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Class A ☐ Class E ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Class B ☐ Class G ☐ Restricted Area ☐ TRSA ☐ Class C ☐ Demo Area ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ FAR 93 ☐ Class D ☒ Warning Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Special ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Unknown			
Aircraft Load Description <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Towing Glider ☐ Parachutists ☐ Livestock ☒ Passengers ☐ Towing Banner ☐ Water ☐ Unknown ☐ Cargo ☐ Other External ☐ Chemical/Fertilizer/Seeds			
FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION			
Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff <i>(convert from pounds, as necessary)</i> _____ 88 Gallons		Fuel Type ☐ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ JP3 ☐ Other, specify _____ ☐ 100 Low Lead ☒ Jet A ☐ JP4 ☐ 100/130 ☐ Automotive ☐ JP5	
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 1 pilot egressed through windshield area. Other pilot and passenger egressed through right seat pilot's door.			
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE			
Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ NM Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees MAG		Source of Weather Information (Check all that apply) ☐ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☒ Company ☐ Military ☐ Internet ☐ Unknown	
Briefing Type/Completeness ☐ Full ☐ Partial / Limited By Pilot ☐ Partial / Limited By Briefer ☐ Abbreviated ☐ Unknown ☒ Not Pertinent		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☒ Day ☐ Dusk ☐ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Not Reported	
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☐ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Scattered ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Unknown		Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Dust ☐ Fog ☐ Ground Fog ☒ Haze ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Smoke ☐ Unknown	
Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft AGL		Visibility _____ 10 miles	
Ceiling ☐ None (clear) ☐ Broken ☒ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown		Ceiling Height _____ 2,000 ft AGL	
Wind Direction ☐ Indicated: _____ degrees MAG ☐ Variable		Wind Speed Velocity: _____ 1,015 KTS -or- ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable	
Wind Gusts Velocity: _____ KTS ☐ Gusting ☒ Not Gusting		Type of Turbulence (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ In Clouds ☐ Vicinity of Thunderstorm Severity of Turbulence ☐ Extreme ☐ Severe ☐ Moderate ☐ Moderate Chop ☐ Light	
NOTAMs (D, L and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident			
Temperature: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: _____ in. HG or _____ MB Density Altitude: _____ ft Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F)		Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe Type ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe Type ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed	
		Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Rain ☐ Snow ☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Ice Crystals ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Freezing Drizzle Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy	

Pilot "B" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

Pilot "B" Identification

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 22 Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy Certificate Number: _____

Shoulder Harness

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No

Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☒ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign
☐ Private ☒ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military

Date of Last Medical
12/13/10
mm/dd/yyyy

Must wear corrective lenses.

Medical Certificate Waivers

Flight Review Aircraft
Make: Bell
Model: 206L

Instructor Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None	☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine	☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine	☒ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane	☐ Glider
☐ Powered Lift	☐ Sport

Type Ratings

Student Endorsements *(Include dates)*

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin attendants, complete the following information)																
Pilot Name and Address First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____						Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious										
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign ☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military						Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Unknown										
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No						Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs										
Pilot Name and Address First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____						Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious										
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign ☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military						Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Unknown										
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No						Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs										
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Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No						Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs										
PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include flight attendants, continue on separate sheet if necessary)						Seat	Crew	Non-Revenue	Revenue	Non-Occupant	FAA	Fatal	Serious Injury	Minor Injury	No Injury	Unknown
Name and Address First Name: <u>Lee</u> City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: <u>Pullins</u> Country: _____						RR	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____							☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____							☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____							☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____							☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT (Please type or print in ink)

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 time and point of departure, intended destination, and services obtained. This was the third departure from this production platform helideck (AL114CC) the day of the accident. The aircraft involved was a BH206L-4 with a Pilot, Co-Pilot, and one passenger on board. The winds were generally from the South, which due to obstructions meant that the departure would necessarily be to either the SW or SE. Each departure direction was used on the two previous departures as the wind gradually shifted from SE to SW. The winds were now out of the SW and favored that departure direction.

Due to the obstructions noted above, the pilot positioned himself for a WSW takeoff. After clearing the edge of the platform the aircraft started a slow yaw to the right. The pilot put in full left pedal but it did not stop the turn which continued a full 360 degrees. As the second turn, with a faster rotation started, the pilot stated he didn't have a tail rotor and lowered the collective and rolled the throttle to idle. The pilot deployed the emergency floats and then they impacted the water slightly nose low with a right drift. The aircraft rolled over immediately to the right but stayed afloat. The pilot egressed through his broken out windscreen, the left seat pilot could not open her door under water so she egressed through the pilot's open door, and the rear passenger egressed through the left passenger door. A nearby private fishing boat picked them up from the water and delivered them to Dauphine Island where they were further transported to University of South Alabama Medical Center in Mobile for evaluation and treatment.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

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

Signature and Name of Pilot/Operator

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

mm/dd/yyyy

Signature and Name of Person Filing Report if Other than Pilot/Operator

Signature: See Attached Cover Letter

Type or Print Name: _____

Title: _____

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NTSB Accident/Incident No.

ERA 11 LA 297

Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office

ERA

Name of Investigator

HICKS

Date Report Received

5/22/2011