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On Monday the 10th of February 2014, AFF opened its doors at 9:20AM to accommodate two guest who were waiting outside. The New Pilot Wayne Fuoco came in at about 9:30 AM. I went with Wayne outside away from our guest to discuss the day's activities and showed him the location of the box so that he can store the N7040U's covers before going to brief our guest inside.

Wayne came inside about 10 minutes after putting the covers from the front of the helicopter away and needed to get into the storage room for the tip box, helicopter key, and a pair of headphones.

At approx. 9:45 am, Wayne started N7040U with the tail rotor cover on. 11 seconds into the blades turning, the rear rotor malfunctioned ripping the cover off and severing the drive shaft inside the tail boom. The Helicopter was immediately turned off and assessed for visual damages.

Best Regards,

Adam Cordova
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