



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Clay Perkins, FAA FSDO, Birmingham, AL
NTSB Accident Number: ERA15CA018

Narrative:

Mr. Perkins was interviewed via telephone. He interviewed the pilot at the accident site, who reported that the helicopter was due for a fuel pump replacement and mechanics had asked him to land with as little fuel as possible. The pilot was returning to the airport from an aerial observation flight where the passenger was mapping power lines. About 100 feet above a taxiway, the engine lost all power due to fuel exhaustion and the helicopter landed hard on the taxiway, severing the tailboom.

Mr. Perkins added that the cockpit gauges indicated no fuel. Due to the disposition of the wreckage, he could not attempt to recover any fuel from the fuel sumps.