

On January 02 2015 I rented the helicopter R-44 N3183T from Isla Grande Flying School.

The plan was to fly from Isla Grande Flying School to Vega Baja town and pick up two Italian friends (Vittorino Davi and Anna Selleri) to fly to Barranquitas town for a Christmas party.

Flying from Isla Grande to Vega Baja everything was normal with all instruments in green arc.

Departing from Vega Baja after loading the passengers was a normal take off with all instruments in green arc.

Flying from Vega Baja to Barranquitas was normal fly with all instruments in green arc.

After arriving near the landing area I start making 360 degrees turnings and told Vittorino to call Wilfredo Santiago via my cell phone who was previously assigned to check for clearance on my arrival to the landing spot.

After we were clear for landing I start a smooth descend with all instruments in green arc to the landing spot.

The landing was smooth and I touch down light on sky.

Still light on sky I start to check for the balance of the helicopter before setting the collective full down.

When I moved the cyclic forward, the helicopter pitched forward.

When I moved the cyclic backwards to the previous angle the helicopter pitched backwards and at that very moment I heard a big noise on the back with a vibration in the cockpit.

Immediately I pulled the collective and rolled the throttle to maximum to have the helicopter back on air but the helicopter start to spin clockwise out of the landing spot which I couldn't stop by applying full left pedal.

I leveled the helicopter still spinning and try to make it back to landing spot but there was no more power to keep the helicopter in the air and the left sky hit the ground and the helicopter rolled to the left.

I cut off the mixture of the engine and turned off all the switches and pulled all the circuit breakers.

After we check that everybody was ok we proceed to exit the cockpit via the front pilot door.

None of us had big injuries, only Vittorino had a small scratch on his small finger in his left hand which he said it was done with the broken windshield while exiting the aircraft. He was attended when the ambulance arrived.

No damage to any property was done.

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