



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

Shawn Etcher
Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region Aviation

February 13, 2015

Subject: Telephone conversation with the Pilot

Persons on telephone call: Mr. Gary Johnson (pilot/owner) and Shawn Etcher (self)

Time of Phone Conversation: February 13, 2015 at 0927 EST

The investigator-in-charge conducted a follow up telephone conversation from a telephone call that was placed to the owner on February 11, 2015. During the telephone call on February 11, 2015, Mr. Johnson was asked if he could provide this investigator with the telephone number of the pilot. Mr. Johnson stated that he would pass along the message and the investigators contact information.

On February 13, 2015 this investigator contacted Mr. Johnson again and asked if Mr. Johnson had contacted the pilot and provided the information. Mr. Johnson stated he was the pilot. Mr. Johnson was then asked if he could explain what happened that caused the accident. He stated that they were flying up the river on a pleasure flight when he "lost visual with the horizon and the helicopter hit the ice." He further reported that he had just began a bank when snow reduced his visibility.

Mr. Johnson was asked if the helicopter was having any mechanical anomalies prior to the accident. He answered "no"

Mr. Johnson was asked if he is a rated pilot in helicopters. He stated "no"

Mr. Johnson was informed of the required paperwork that must be completed within 10 days of the accident; however, due to the snow storm and the delay in the ability to assess the damage the report would need to be returned to this investigator no later than February 23, 2015. He stated he understood and will return it shortly

Mr. Johnson was then asked would he like this investigator to send the report to him and if so to provide the appropriate information. He stated that via email would be best and provided this investigator with his email address.

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Additional note(s): The required NTSB 6120 form was sent to the provided email address on February 13, 2015 at 0936 EST and a "Successful Mail Delivery Report" was received on the same date at 0936 EST.

A follow up email was sent to the provided email address on February 25, 2015 at 1150 EST and a "Successful Mail Delivery Report" was received on the same date. The email was sent due to

the fact Mr. Johnson had not returned the required 6120 form within the 10 days provided by the previous email.

A secondary follow up email was sent to Mr. Johnson's provided email address on February 27, 2015 at 1305 EST. Mr. Johnson responded to that email on March 2, 2015 at 0701 EST stating "you should have it by now. If not let me know." Examination of the mail received indicated that no envelope, letter, or statement was submitted to Ashburn Office nor to the Investigator In Charge's residence.

A follow up email was sent to Mr. Johnson on March 3, 2015 at 0818 reporting to Mr. Johnson that no mail had been received nor had any emails or faxes. Mr. Johnson was told to provide the documentation by the end of the day . To which the pilot faxed his report and was received at 1348 EST.