



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person(s) Interviewed: Brian Hayes -pilot
NTSB Case Number: ERA15LA337

Narrative:

Mr. Brian Hayes was interviewed by telephone with his lawyer Mr. Francis Carroll present.

I asked Brian Hayes if the Volusia County Mosquito Control company was flying under part 91, 137 or public use, he stated it was under part 137. (NOTE: The 6120.1 was marked part 91 and Mr. Francis Carroll stated later in an email that this particular flight was not for hire, so it was part 91 per a mechanic he asked.)

Mr. Hayes he did not file a flight plan and rarely does for this type of flight. He stated he made one flight to the field early in the day and it was uneventful. The second flight of the day he was finishing up one field and preparing to line up with the second field of the day. As Brian made his last pass on field one he was going to make a 270 degree turn to the right to line up with the second field that was perpendicular to field one. During his turn to the right, he glanced over his left shoulder to select a visual reference point to line up with on the next field. When he looked back forward in the direction of the turn, he saw trees that he was not able to clear. He tried to quickly climb but was not able to clear the trees and crashed into the trees and came to rest on the left side in a grassy clearing next to the tree line.

Brian cannot remember many details of the crash but remembers shutting down the engine and electrical system and climbing out of the helicopter and calling his supervisor. He then called 911 and waited for help, they airlifted Brian out to a hospital in Halifax.

Brian stated that there was no mechanical malfunction or abnormality that would have precluded normal operation.