



MEMORANDUM of RECORD

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Person Contacted: Mr. Rick Sheppard (FAA MCO FSDO) – FAA Accident Coordinator
NTSB Accident Number: ERA15LA376 – Eustis, FL (September 25, 2015)

This investigator interviewed Mr. Sheppard by telephone. He reported the following:

- Mr. Sheppard is the FAA IIC (FAA Coordinator) for the accident. He responded to the accident site and examined the wreckage. Overall assessment did not reveal any evidence of mechanical malfunction or anomalies.
- The tail rotor drive shaft was severed in two places. There was evidence of tail rotor rotation at impact. Both tail rotor blades were still attached to the hub.
- Main rotor blades had substantial damage. Still attached to hub.
- Control continuity established to main rotor and tail rotor system except for impact damage.
- There was sufficient fuel on board and there was oil in the engine. External examination of the engine revealed no anomalies.
- There is a witness cell phone video of the accident sequence and he will forward along with photos.