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Inspector Statement

Portland Flight Standards District Office IIC, N330JT, Andover, NH

In the course of my investigation of the accident involving N330JT, Safari Helicopter in Andover HN, the pilot was interviewed by this office on 10/2/2016. Copies of those inspector statements from me and Dennis Tremblay were provided 10/18/2016. The scene investigation was conducted on 9/28/2016 by me and Operations Inspector Mark Farrell. Due to the extensive fire and impact damage to the aircraft, no component failure/maintenance induced possibilities were noted at the time of our scene investigation that could support any maintenance related probable cause.

The pilot failed to accomplish the required 12 calendar month condition inspections required by the operating limitations, going all the way back to the certification of the helicopter in 2004 (at least 12 inspections). The pilot also failed to record any and all unscheduled/scheduled/routine maintenance that might have been performed by him. The pilot was issued a Repairman Certificate at the time of aircraft certification which allowed him to perform any and all maintenance on the aircraft.

The pilot had been operating N330JT since 2004 without a current medical certificate and did not have the required helicopter rating. He stated he was in fact, teaching himself to fly the helicopter, one step at a time.


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