



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Date: February 9, 2017 at 1200 EST
Person(s) Interviewed: Jay Jones-pilot
NTSB Case Number: ERA17LA103

Narrative:

The pilot was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Jay Jones was contacted on February 9, 2017 at 12:00pm.

Mr. Jones stated they were dispatched early in the morning for an accident. He checked the weather and winds. He completed the risk assessment for the flight and it was approved by dispatch. They departed on a VFR flight Mt. Sterling KY to Beattyville Ky which he has flown to many times before. Enroute the winds were out of the southwest at 35 knots, he felt comfortable in this type weather and has flown many times previously in winds at this speed. Once he arrived at the landing zone, he was cautious of electrical wires that were next to the landing zone, he came over the wires at 100ft to clear them and started the descent around 200ft/min. When he was just above the ground he tried to increase collective but he helicopter did not slow down the descent. He stated to the crew that is was going to be a hard landing. the helicopter bounced when it hit the ground and rolled over on the right side. The pilot told everyone to remain in the helicopter until the rotor stopped spinning to avoid injuries. After the rotor stopped spinning, all occupants left the helicopter.

Mr. Jones stated the were no known mechanical deficiencies with the helicopter prior to the accident.