

FBO Staff member - 05 MAR 18

- 0932 PILOT OF AIRCRAFT N221YT RADIOED TAKE OFF FROM RUNWAY 25 TO RUNWAY 07.
- 0937 NOTIFIED BY OBSERVER/WITNESS THAT AIRCRAFT HAD CRASHED INTO MARSH @ 0935 ACCORDING TO HER CLOCK AND PHONE
- 0938 DIALED 911
- 0940 EMERGENCY VEHICLES ARRIVED @ CRASH SITE
- OBSERVED BY MYSELF
- 0932 TAKE OFF AFTER TRANSMISSION 25 TO 07. ALTITUDE MIDWAY APPROXIMATELY 75' AND CLIMBING SLOWLY. ALL APPEARED NORMAL
- 0933 LAST TRANSMISSION FM PILOT NO INDICATION OF TROUBLE
- 0938 OBSERVED WRECKAGE @ END OF RUNWAY (07) AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES ARRIVING IN FORCE. PILOT OF AIRCRAFT N327DT ABORTED FLIGHT AND RETURNED TO RAMP. (HE WAS AWAITING N221YT TO CLEAR RUNWAY)

ALL IS TRUE AND TO THE BEST OF
MY KNOWLEDGE 15:23 05 MAR 18

~~PATRICIA M. MILLER~~

LINE / DUTY MGR

PATRICK M. MILLER

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WITNESS REPORTED:

OBSERVED AIRCRAFT LOW OVER FIELD
THEN FLIPPED OVER AND CRASHED
INTO MARSH. 0935

McMillan, Daryl (FAA)

From: Bob Nulton [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 10:50 AM
To: McMillan, Daryl (FAA)
Subject: Fwd: helicopter crash on Ladies Island

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob Nulton [REDACTED]
Date: March 8, 2018 1:55:26 PM EST
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: helicopter crash on Ladies Island

Hi Daryl.

The following is my statement on the accident.

I was traveling from St. Helena Island to Beaufort, SC on highway 21. As I approached the airport on my right, I estimate about a quarter of a mile from the runway, I saw the helicopter rise off the runway and fly across the road. It drew my attention because I thought it was a plane, but had an unusual shape to it. It looked like he was flying straight and true. It couldn't have been more than 10 seconds, when I saw him coming back toward the runway. I figured he realized he was in trouble. I was now approximately, 100 yards from the end of the runway. My first thought, as he was flying back across the road, was that he was performing tricks because the aircraft was flying erratically. I then realized he was in trouble. The nose of the aircraft was pitching up and down, and pitching left to right. Overall the fuselage was staying straight and true. It was not spinning around the rotors like I have seen in the movies. He managed to clear the road and was approximately 20-30 feet in the air when the nose rose abruptly, I think he stalled out, I think the tail hit first, and it flipped over to the right, landing upside down. This is the best of my recollection, because I was trying to also watch the road. My position was right at the end of the runway when he hit, since I had slowed down. I hope this helps, and if you have any further questions, don't hesitate to call me at [REDACTED] I'm sorry he didn't make it.

Respectfully,

Bob Nulton