



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Millicent Hill
Aviation Accident Investigator
Eastern Region

Date: August 19, 2019
Person Contacted: Corporal Joseph Schreyer
NTSB Accident Number: ERA18LA269

Narrative:

This investigator interviewed Cpl. Schreyer by telephone shortly after the accident. He stated he responded to the scene of the helicopter accident on the roof of a parking garage. The pilot called requesting permission to move the helicopter. Confirmation of the release of the helicopter to move it from the parking garage was given to Cpl. Schreyer.

In a subsequent conversation the following day he stated he did not think the pilot shut down the engine after the emergency landing before attempting to reposition it. He stated the owner walked down to the helicopter after emergency landing and after some discussion with the pilot they decided to reposition the helicopter to the original location. They did not want it to be obvious there was something wrong with the helicopter, they thought it would look bad. They wanted to reposition the helicopter and say they were no longer giving rides for the day. When the pilot attempted to reposition the helicopter, it started spinning and the owner had to get down on the ground to avoid being stuck.

He stated after the accident the pilot "kept looking over the helicopter," looking for a noticeable cause. The pilot told him he thought the transmission had sheered some teeth. He said the pilot was a fairly new pilot, and that he had been working for the company since the end of July. One of the owners stated they had had a couple issues with the helicopter.