

Foreperson, Crewmember, Witness Report

Crew #: 051124 Crew Type: Patrolling Crew
Name of _____ Name of _____
Crew Foreperson: Nathan Mitchell General Foreperson: Danny Aldridge
Witness (Print) _____ Job _____
Name: Nathan Mitchell Title: Fireman Phone #: [REDACTED]

1. Did you see the incident (Circle)? YES NO
2. Other possible witnesses: Zach, 3 pipe employees, Dalton
3. What did you see and hear? Seen Johnny (pilot) trimming tree in front of the deer stand. Look as if the wind may have caught him. Causing the helicopter to spin around. He spun out of control into the tree line
4. Names of those injured, describe nature of injuries and part(s) of the body injured. Johnny (pilot) and Zach Benson. Johnny bleeding from the mouth and injures all over his body. Zach had panic attack
5. Where were you and what were you doing at the time the incident occurred? On the road side watch Johnny making him aware of any hazards.
6. Witness Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 3/5/19

TO CORPORATE LEGAL DEPARTMENT

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Crew #: 05/125 Crew Type: Helicopter bid crew
Name of _____ Name of _____
Crew Foreperson: Mate Hurtwell General Foreperson: Danny A. Parker
Witness (Print) _____ Job _____
Name: Zachary Brissin Title: Groundman Phone #: [REDACTED]

1. Did you see the incident (Circle)? (YES) NO
2. Other possible witnesses: Dalton King, Alabe Hurtwell
3. What did you see and hear? We observed the helicopter trimming and the a big gusts of wind pick up and the heli copter was going down
4. Names of those injured, describe nature of injuries and part(s) of the body injured. Jerry helicopter pilot blind coming out of nose mount and ears and Unresponsive when we got the down bird
5. Where were you and what were you doing at the time the incident occurred? Waiting the heli copter trimmer the line and taking the base
6. Witness Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 3/5/18

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Crew #: 05124 Crew Type: Patrolling crew
Name of _____ Name of _____
Crew Foreperson: Nathan Mitchell General Foreperson: Danny aldrige
Witness (Print) _____ Job _____
Name: Kenneth King Title: Grounds person Phone #: _____

1. Did you see the incident (Circle)? YES NO
2. Other possible witnesses: pike worker (Blake eldrod)
3. What did you see and hear? I seen the heli start spinning and johnny say I'm going ... no response my forman was radio that he was going down. I and Blake was first on scene and unbuckled Johnny and freed his head off the door and broke it and layed Johnny down on his side

4. Names of those injured, describe nature of injuries and part(s) of the body injured. Blood was coming out his mouth, nose and ears, his right leg was gashed open
5. Where were you and what were you doing at the time the incident occurred? watchin johnny trim a structure down from him calling out things to watch for

Witness Signature: [Signature] Date: 4-5-19

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Dalton King (Kenneth King) ATE phone call at 3-12-19

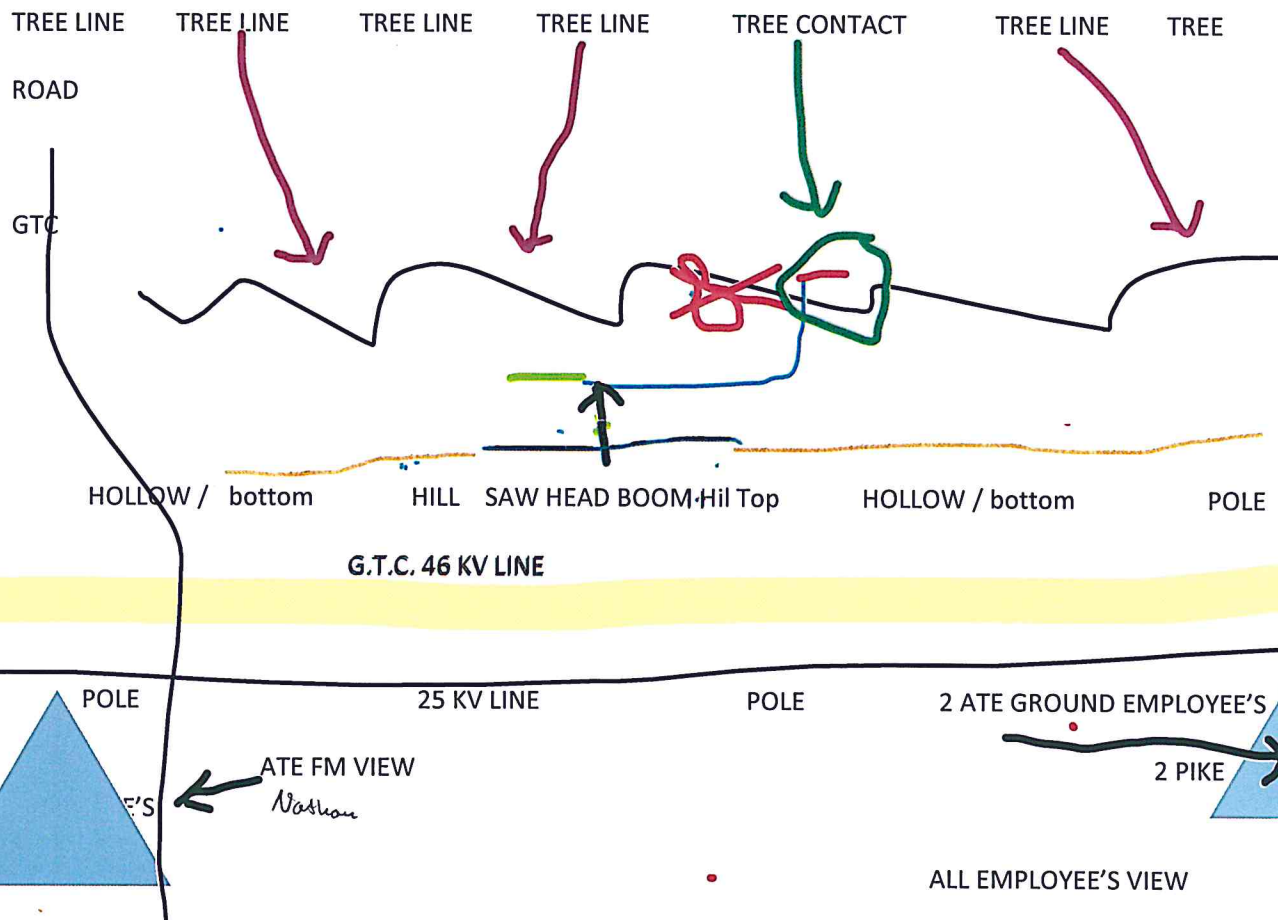
- Smoking not running (Heli) when arrived
- Nathan pulled emergency fuel shut off
- Started second pass
- Heavy wind came through about time of crash
- "I'm going..." (sounded scared/worried)
- unbuckled seat belt
- didn't get to fly much week before
- seemed like uncontrolled spin
- 6-8 spins before he hit the tree tops
- Zack met EMS. led them to accident
- used polaris to transport him to ambulance
- ambulance transported to life flight
- Employee did not note any loud sounds or change in pitch, was wearing headset

Blake Elrod (Pike Employee Phone call on 3-12-19)

- was in the area working on lines
- no headset
- had made top pass
- when to start second pass and then spun out
 - one full rotation, started second spin and impacted tree then hit the ground
- instructed Pike to call 911
- don't recall helicopter running, smoking
- No blades spinning
- seat belt around ~~waist~~ neck
- helped free him and laid him on the ground
- saw eventually turned off
- Employee did not not any loud sounds or changes in sound

ROTO BLADE INCIDENT 03-04-2019 INCIDENT DIAGRAM

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Heidi Kemner
Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region Aviation

March 6, 2019

Subject: ERA19FA118
Who: Brandi Kent – Pilot's Wife

In a conversation, Mrs. Kent stated following:

- Her husband slept well the night before the accident. We usually went to bed around 10 pm since he was up at 6 am to go to work.
- The day before the accident he had a hard time in the helicopter. He had the helicopter settle with power. During that time, the helicopter began to descend, and he kept pulling and pulling collective. It was only when the saw blades became lodged in the trees that the helicopter was able to come out of it. It was in about the same area as where the accident occurred and it really scared him.
- As for a medical background, the pilot was very healthy.
- On the day of the accident he woke up on time and left for work. We had planned to meet for lunch that day.



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Heidi Kemner
Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region Aviation

March 6, 2019

Subject: ERA19FA118
Who: Blake Elrod – Witness

In a conversation, Mr. Elrod stated following:

- He was measuring the power poles so that he could replace them.
- He saw the helicopter coming through and cutting the trees.
- He watched the first pass of the helicopter cutting the trees.
- He circled back for a second pass and that is when the helicopter started spinning.
- It started spinning out of control and just dropped.
- The tail rotor moved in the counter clockwise direction.
- The helicopter made one full rotation and during the second rotation was when it made contact with a tree before it fell to the ground.
- The engines and saws were very loud during the accident.
- He could hear the saws buzzing and he didn't notice a difference in engine noise.



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Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region Aviation

March 6, 2019

Subject: ERA19FA118
Who: Eric Johnson – Witness

In a conversation, Mr. Johnson stated following:

- He was in communication with the pilot
- They had worked together for 2 years.
- The saw did not hit the deer stand first. It began to spin counterclockwise, struck trees, and then impacted the ground.
- It was very windy that day. Gusting quite a bit.