

RECORD OF ☒ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☐ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 10:00 AM	DATE 12/10/2019
NAME(S) OF PERSON(S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION Luis Ramon Ortiz Rivera (PIC), ASI Rafael C. Gonzalez		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
Centro Medico Hospital, San Juan, P.R.			
SUBJECT N446PS Accident Investigation			
DIGEST On December 10, 2019, this reporting inspector interviewed Mr. Ortiz, the PIC of aircraft N446PS, an experimental gyrocopter, amateur build, serial number LR0R-01, that crash landed at Barrio Mariana, Sector Limones, Naguabo, P.R. (18°14'27.4" N 65°41'49.1" W).			
Mr. Ortiz stated that he departed from José Aponte De La Torre Airport, Ceiba, P.R. (RVR) runway 7, at 1:51PM local time, heading west at 2,000ft, cruising between 55-60 MPH. 8 to 10 minutes into the flight, he felt a vibration and and an abnormal drag. Mr. Ortiz immediately reduce the engine power to asses the situation. As Mr. Ortiz was reducing power, He felt that the engine prop chopped the rudder control cables. At that point, Mr. Ortiz saw the rudder detached from the aircraft and the gyrocopter started spinning to the right. Mr. Ortiz turned off the engine to minimize the torque and descended straight down until crash landed at 20-25 MPH next to a tree. In the process, the main blades hit the tree flipping the gyrocopter to the right side. PIC suffered 2 broken discs and the aircraft received substantial damage.			
Mr. Ortiz contacted Ceiba Airport Port Authority at 2:09PM to notify the accident and a			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED			
Mr. Ortiz statement is consistent with crash site findings. Aircraft maintenance logbook and pilot logbook records were requested. Due to his injuries, Mr. Ortiz requested until next Tuesday to deliver the records.			
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rescue crew was dispatched to the scene. First responders arrived at 2:39PM local time.