



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Statement from: Tony Raymer (Pilot of N566BC)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA024 – Winder, Georgia

The following statement was provided by Paula Stadnicki, the girlfriend of the accident pilot, through FAA Inspector Steve Newcomer ([by email, in blue](#)):

[Below is what he told me. He was kinda groggy so I hope this makes sense to you.](#)

[Departed Lawrenceville taxiway zulu to the southeast to barrow county. Landed and did a full stop on 5. Got in the pattern on 5 and did about 4 laps. On the 5th lap came in and did a touch and go. Took back off and pretty sure extended take off leg and think this happened with turned into the left crosswind. Heard a noise like metal against metal and the helicopter jerked. I thought something was wrong and looked for a clearing.](#)

[Then it happened again. Saw some lights on the panel but not sure which ones. Seems like I was losing power. I had two choices and saw a house and there was clearing off to the left. Auto rotated and turned to the left. Tried to make it to the clearing but went through the tree line. Remember coming through the trees and speed slowing down as I went through the trees. And the helicopter went straight down through the trees.](#)