



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: April 26, 2021
Person Contacted: Usha Kansara (Widow of Dr. Sanjay Kansara)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA191 – Forkston, PA

This investigator interviewed Mrs. Kansara by telephone. She reported the following:

- Dr. Kansara, who was an anesthesiologist, purchased the R44 about a year ago. He used the helicopter to commute back and forth from Coopersburg, PA to work, at the hospital in Sayre, PA.
- He commuted in the helicopter because it cut the 3-hour driving time down to a 45-minute flight.
- He was not fatigued; he had a normal work week. Meals and rest were normal.
- When asked if he was rushed to get to work, Mrs. Kansara stated, "He could have left earlier." He was helping his son with homework; that's why he had the later start.
- He had flown at night before with no issues.