



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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NTSB Case Number: ERA21LA272

Interview date: July 10, 2021

Subject: Witness statement from FAA
(telephone interview)

Witness Statement (July 8, 2021, Phone Interview):

Persons who witnessed the event stated "that they heard the helicopter start up and stepped outside of the hangar to watch it take off. Both witnesses stated they observed the helicopter lift off from the transport trailer and that once the helicopter cleared the trailer, it got real wobbly. The main rotor blades struck the ground two or three times and while continuing forward, the right landing gear skid tube hit the ground pretty hard". They said "the helicopter then bounced back into the air, spun to the right (clockwise) and landed on its left side". One of the witnesses jumped on a four wheeler and headed toward the wreckage and the other grabbed a fire extinguisher and ran to the wreckage. Both witnesses stated "that when they reached the helicopter, that the pilot had already gotten out and was about 20 feet away from the wreckage. The state police and fire department arrived on site shortly thereafter".