



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 7/21/2021
Person Contacted: Earl Hogan (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA295

Narrative:

The individual noted above provided the following information via telephone. The below contents are a summary of what was reported:

- Mr. Hogan heard and watched the accident helicopter land near the fuel farm at the Mecklenburg-Brunswick Regional Airport (AVC), South Hill, Virginia. The helicopter landed about 5:00PM (July 19, 2021) and subsequently departed about 5:15PM-5:25PM. Mr. Hogan was about 50-75 ft away at a nearby hangar.
- He heard the helicopter start up after refueling. He described that it sounded as if the pilot was revving the engine up and the engine “stumbled” initially, but then the engine ran smoother during the taxi.
- The helicopter hovered down a taxiway, took off to the south, and then headed further southbound. He stated that the “engine sounded fine” when it hovered and took off.
- Mr. Hogan is an auto-mechanic and a private pilot, airplane single engine land.

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