

RECORD OF ☐ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☒ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 11:30 AM	DATE 08/18/2021
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION Eden Schullenberger		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL EA65	INITIALS MLH
SUBJECT N36DK Accident			
DIGEST Ms.Schullenberger reported that on July 30, 2021 she and her family were walking along the bike path on the lake in Colchester, VT. She reported that it was a windy afternoon but she had been able to hear a helicopter fly over the path (not the accident helicopter) earlier in her walk. As she was walking she said that she suddenly heard a metal crunching sound, like a car accident. Ms. Schullenberger reported that she turned around and saw a helicopter on the bike path that appeared to have crashed. She explained that the helicopter was bent and leaning to the side and there was smoke coming from the rear of it. The rotor blades were not moving. Next she saw a single occupant pull himself out of the wreckage so she ran and helped him away from the helicopter. After they were clear, Ms. Schullenberger said that the helicopter suddenly caught fire and burned very quickly. Lastly, she said the pilot told her he had lost power over the water, was trying to make it to the mainland, but had to try for the path instead. He told her that he was on approach to a clear part of the path but then some pedestrians entered the area and he had to make a last minute adjustment to avoid hitting them. Nothing follows.			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED			
DATE 08/18/2021	TITLE Aviation Safety Inspector	SIGNATURE Matthew L Hall Digitally signed by Matthew L Hall Date: 2021.08.18 13:06:41 -04'00'	

