



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Date: 8/25/2021 @ 1340 EST
Person Interviewed- Mark Sherman – Pilot
NTSB Case Number:

Narrative:

Mr. Mark Sherman was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Sherman stated he purchased the helicopter last March from someone in California. He and his instructor flew the helicopter back to spruce creek, Florida. On the day of the accident, he flew locally for a while and during landing, he lost tail rotor effectiveness and the helicopter started to gain altitude and spin to the right. Mr. Sherman applied full left rudder, but the helicopter continued to spin to the right. He then lowered the collective and the helicopter landed hard on the skids, and the tail rotor contacted the ground.

Mr. Sherman stated he took the helicopter to his hangar for storage. He also took the cowling off the drive shaft for the tail rotor and saw that the drive shaft was spinning freely inside the connector. He also noticed the shaft was discolored.

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