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Aviation Accident Investigator

Date: September 1, 2023
Subject: ERA23FA357; Eyewitness
Contact: Beverly Tereshko; Photographer

Ms. Tereshko arrived back on scene the early afternoon of September 1, 2023, to provide the police and NTSB investigator (McCarter) with copies of her photographs and to discuss the accident.

Tereshko stated that she had her camera and telephoto lens on the day of the accident about midafternoon. She was standing on the dam taking pictures of wildlife and birds.

She heard the helicopter approaching and she looked up and saw it flying directly towards her. She stated it was "flying erratically." She immediately raised her camera and held her finger on the shutter button and "just started taking as many pics as I could. I knew it was in trouble."

She estimated that the helicopter was about 1,000 feet up, but her camera made it look like it was a lot closer. She scrolled through the photographs on her view screen. The helicopter was spinning around and descending before pieces started "flying off." It descended behind the tree line.

She provided the photographs.

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