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Subject: ERA23LA011, NTSB IIC Interview with Right Rear Seat Passenger
Tim Wells

Mr. Wells was interviewed by phone and reported the following:

- Mr. Wells' full legal name is Timothy Andrew Wells, DOB [REDACTED].
- Mr. Wells' written statement was reviewed and he had no changes to it.
- Mr. Wells described his injuries. He sustained a 12cm laceration to his scalp, following his part line, requiring 8-10 staples and an unknown number of sutures. Injury to left eye and socket, resulting in significant bruising (mostly cleared up as of this interview). 10% compression fracture of the L1. Herniated disc between L-5 and S-1.
- He was treated at Gulf Coast Medical Center, as were the other 3 occupants of the helicopter.
- He has had follow-up treatment from two physicians: Dr. Allen Tafel, [REDACTED], Fort Myers, FL 33901, [REDACTED] www.[REDACTED].com and Dr. Mark Gerber, [REDACTED], Fort Myers, FL 33919, [REDACTED].
- He was strapped in "snuggly" into his harness. He stated that John (left, rear seat) took a photo of him in the harness 20 minutes before the accident. He stated that he was probably more tightly strapped in than the other occupants. He felt that being so snugly in the harness resulted in less injuries than the other occupants.

- He was wearing a ball cap with a headset over the cap, and wrap-around sunglasses.