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Mr. Austin,

Thank you for your time today. I have previously sent you a few emails with my pilot certificate, medical, Bill of Sale, and aircraft log books. Below is my account of what happened.

On Monday, August 28th around 1215 Central Time and Army CH-47 helicopter was conducting a touch and gos on runway 8 and Hopkinsville-Christian County Airport. I taxied down taxiway Alpha and entered runway 8 and the taxiway bravo intersection. As I turned the corner I saw the CH-47 did not do a traditional touch and go and sat on the runway for a few moments. I taxied into position to lineup and wait for him to takeoff. The helicopter took up and proceeded upwind. I waiting until he was on his downwind leg before I started my takeoff roll. As I approached midfield and about 40' AGL (my estimate), I hit the helicopters rotor wash. It rolled me approximately 135 degrees to the right quite abruptly. I inputted full left rudder and aileron to try and counteract the roll. When I saw a severe nose down attitude I retarded the throttle to prevent an accelerated path towards the ground. When I was able to get the plane almost to wings level I went back to full power to try and cushion the landing. Upon impacting the ground I pulled the power back to idle and the aircraft came to a sudden stop. I was pointed in a southerly direction off the south side of the runway.

If there's anything else you need from me, please let me know.

R/
Sean Stephenson