

To whom it may concern

On December 16th 2023 at approximately 7-8 AM, I student pilot Lee Cosbie was practicing Hovering at the coordinates indicated (across the street from [REDACTED] Tuscumbia) in a Experimental. There was a wind of 10-15 MPH coming out of the South West. The surface wind was a little gusty. The sky was cloudy. I started to drift North and after a couple of adjustments I attempted to turn. I was too close to objects and I began to somewhat panic. I let off the collective not realizing I was so close to the ditch. The back of my right skid touched 1st getting me off level. When I realized I was too close to the ditch I tried to pull the collective a small amount and I rolled over into the ditch. The rotor struck and the ship shook and jerked violently. Some guys come running and I jumped out and ran to get a skidsteer to get the ship out of the ditch. As I ran the ship burst into flames. By the time I got back across the street the fire department had arrived. After they put the fire out, made a couple of phone calls, and gave me the okay I moved the ship and cleaned up the debris.

Lee Cosbie

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