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Subject: **ERA24LA118**

Contact: **Marcelo Lopes, Pilot,**

Mr. Lopes was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Lopez was the pilot in command of the helicopter. He was flying three passengers around Miami for an air tour. During the flight in cruise, at about 2030 local time, he noticed the oil pressure and oil temperature gauges in the red zone. He decided to make a precautionary landing at an old closed down helipad and check on the problem. During landing, the tail rotor contacted a pipe that was sticking up from the ground. The helicopter was about 2 ft off the ground at this time, so he quickly landed the helicopter on the ground. The helicopter landed hard and spread out the landing skids.