



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 09/29/2015
Person Contacted: Steven J. Caruso (Flight Instructor)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA15CA280

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Caruso in a telephone conversation.

The accident occurred on September 22, 2015 at 1030 EDT. The accident location was at Palm Beach County Airport; on runway 09 near the intersection of runway 09 and taxiway B. The flight instructor was demonstrating a 180 degree autorotation to the ground for a student. The flight instructor entered the autorotation and everything was normal. During the flare portion, the flare was held too long and the ship didn't get properly leveled from holding too much aft cyclic. Touchdown was on the heels of the skids, the nose of the helicopter snapped forward and the main rotor blade contacted the tail boom.