

Narrative History of Flight

I, Ryan Merendino, am the owner of the Robinson R66 Helicopter N38SL. The purpose of the report is to describe the events leading up to and after the Accident of N38SL. The Accident took place on June 7th, 2016 at approximately 5:30 PM. The location of the accident was at a private property owned by myself. The physical address is [REDACTED] Beaumont, TX 77705. The weather conditions were clear with a Northeast wind of Approximate 6 knots. The purpose of the flight was a leisure flight to a private property approx. 8 miles from stated origin. The helicopter N38SL was facing Northeast on my private helicopter pad. Leading up to the accident, I was waiting on the pilot to arrive on location for the flight and I wanted cool down the fuselage. I walked out to the helicopter. I followed the manufacture pre-flight check list with no issues. I proceeded to start the helicopter and as it reached approximate idle speed the helicopter spun on the skids as that took place the helicopter immediately turned over on its right side crashing off the pad into the ground. I exited the helicopter through the left front cockpit windshield. I was not injured but unsure as to what had exactly happened. I contacted the pilot to let him know what has just taken place. He instructed me to contact the NTSB and FAA right away as I did.