

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Separ State: NM

ZIP: 88045 Country: USA

Latitude: 32.201 Longitude: -108.422

(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 12/15/2016 Local Time: 10:30
mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: MST

Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N835AK

Manufacturer: Robinson

Model: R44

Serial Number: 1221

Year of Manufacture: 06/13/2002

Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: _____

- ☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified
☐ Commercial Space Flight
☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 2,400 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 2,108 lbs

Number of Seats: 4 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: 3

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft

- ☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate

(Check all that apply)

Standard

- ☒ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☐ Utility

Special

- ☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☐ Experimental Light-Sport

- ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Landing Gear

(Check all that apply)

☐ Retractable

- ☐ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☒ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Other Launch/Recovery System
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☒ Reciprocating ☐ Liquid Rocket
☐ Turbo Shaft ☐ Solid Rocket
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Hybrid Rocket
☐ Turbo Jet ☐ None
☐ Turbo Fan ☐ Unknown
☐ Electric

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☒ Carburetor ☐ Fuel-Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	<u>Lycoming</u>	<u>O-540-F1B5</u>	<u>RL-22381-40E</u>	<u>10/14/2015</u>	<u>225/205</u>	<u>52.68</u>	<u>09/09/20</u>	<u>52.68</u>
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

- ☐ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection
☐ Annual ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: 09/09/2016
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 806.58 hrs

hours measured at (Select one)

- ☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select one)

- ☐ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☒ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐ None
☒ Specify: cabin mounted hand held fire extinguisher

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: Robinson

Model: main rotor blade

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: Robinson

Model: tail rotor blade

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model or Part No.: _____

TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT Activate? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not activated:

- Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage
☐ Fire Damage
☐ Battery Expired/Damaged
☐ Unknown

Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)

- ☐ ADS-B
☐ Airframe Parachute
☐ Angle of Attack Indicator
☐ Autopilot
☐ Data Recorder
☐ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
☐ Electronic Multifunction Display
☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display
☐ Handheld GPS
☐ Heads Up Display
☐ Onboard Weather
☐ Satellite Tracking Device
☒ Stall Warning System
☐ Video Recording Device
☐ Other, Specify: _____

Registered Aircraft Owner	City: XXXXXXXXXX
Name: <u>Old City Helicopter</u>	State: <u>FL</u> ZIP: <u>32095</u>
Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No	Country: <u>USA</u>
Operator of Aircraft ☐ Same As Registered Owner	☐ Same Address as Registered Owner
Name: <u>Mark David Bradshaw</u>	City: <u>La Quinta</u>
Doing Business As: _____	State: <u>CA</u> ZIP: <u>92253</u>
Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____	Country: <u>USA</u>

Operating Certificates Held <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129) ☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135) ☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135) ☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136) ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137) ☐ Pilot School (FAR 141) ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ Commercial Space Transportation Experimental Permit ☐ Commercial Space Transportation License ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft	Regulation Flight Conducted Under ☒ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415 ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431 ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435 ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ Public Aircraft <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Armed Forces ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 <i>(Select one for each group)</i> ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ Domestic ☐ International ☐ Passenger ☐ Cargo ☐ Mail Contract Only
Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Air Drop ☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Banner Tow ☐ Business ☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ External Load ☐ Ferry ☐ Firefighting ☐ Flight Test ☐ Glider Tow ☐ Instructional ☐ Other Work Use ☒ Personal ☐ Positioning ☐ Skydiving ☐ Unknown

Airport Name: <u>Deming</u>	Distance From Airport Center: <u>42</u> sm
Airport Identifier: <u>KDMN</u>	Direction From Airport: <u>250</u> degrees true
Proximity to Airport: ☒ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A	Airport Elevation: <u>4,500</u> ft. msl
Runway Information	Condition of Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i>
Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft	☒ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☒ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water	☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood	☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown	☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft
	☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

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"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 1" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 1" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☒ Pilot
 ☐ Co-Pilot
 ☐ Student Pilot
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Check Pilot
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 1" was pilot flying ☒ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 1" Identification

First Name: Mark City of Residence: La Quinta
 Middle Initial: D State: CA ZIP: 92253
 Last Name: Bradshaw Country: USA
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 47 Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy
 Certificate Number:

Degree of Injury ☒ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☒ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single	Restraint Type <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td> ☐ None ☐ Lap only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown </td> <td> ☐ None ☐ Lap only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown </td> </tr> </table>	Available	Used	☐ None ☐ Lap only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Lap only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
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Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☒ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer		Medical Certificate Validity ☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown ☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A ☐ Special Issuance					
Principal Occupation ☐ Pilot ☒ Other ☐ Unknown	Medical Certificate ☐ None ☒ Class 3 ☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only) ☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown		Date of Last Medical <u>06/24/2015</u> mm/dd/yyyy				

Medical Certificate Limitations

None

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

n/a

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:

12/13/2016
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Robinson
 Model: R44

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☒ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☒ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Helicopter ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings

none

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

none

Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	1,057	118	538	0	14		8	519		
Pilot in Command (PIC)	1,057	118	538	0	14			519		
Time as Instructor	0	0	0	0	0					
This Make/Model					0					
Last 90 Days	54	16	22	0	0			18		
Last 30 Days	38	16	6	0	0			16		
Last 24 Hours	0	0	0	0	0					

Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____ Date of Birth: *mm/dd/yyyy*

Available	Used
☐ None	☐ None
☐ Lap only	☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

☐ None
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Commercial
 ☐ US Military

☐ Private
 ☐ Recreational
 ☐ Airline Transport
 ☐ Foreign

☐ Student
 ☐ Sport
 ☐ Flight Engineer

☐ None ☐ Class 3
☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown

☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

mm/dd/yyyy

(Check all that apply)

☐ None

☐ Airship

☐ Balloon

☐ Glider

☐ Gyroplane

☐ Helicopter

☐ Powered Lift

(Check all that apply)

☐ None

☐ Airplane

☐ Helicopter

☐ Powered Lift

(Check all that apply)

☐ None	☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine	☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine	☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane	☐ Glider
☐ Powered Lift	☐ Sport

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)						
Crew Name and Address			Seat Occupied		Injury	
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer			Restraint Type: Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs				
Crew Name and Address			Seat Occupied		Injury	
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer			Restraint Type: Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs				
PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)						
Name and Address	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type		Inflatable Restraints	Age
First Name: <u>Ashley</u> City : <u>La Quinta</u> Middle Initial: <u>N</u> State: <u>CA</u> ZIP: <u>92253</u> Last Name: <u>Bradshaw</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other	☒ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☒ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City : _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point

Airport ID: KLRU

City: Las Cruces

State: NM

Country: USA

Time of Departure

Time: 09:45

Time Zone: MST

Destination

Airport ID: KE95

City: Benson

State: AZ

Country: USA

Type Flight Plan Filed

☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR
☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR
☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
☐ VFR
 Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise
☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA

Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply)

☐ Class A ☒ Class G ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Special
☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Air Traffic Control Area
☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Unknown
☐ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ TRSA
☐ Class E ☐ Restricted Area ☐ FAR 93

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence:

20 ft msl

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Source of Pilot Weather Information

(Check all that apply)

☒ National Weather Service ☐ Company
☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military
☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet
☒ Automated Report ☐ None
☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Unknown
☐ On-Board Weather

Weather Observation Facility

Facility ID: KDMN

Observation Time: 10:05

Time Zone: MST

Distance from Accident Site: 37 nm

Direction from Accident Site: 70 degrees true

Basic Conditions

☒ VMC
☐ IMC
☐ Unknown

Light Condition

☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown
☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition

☒ Clear ☐ Thin Broken
☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast
☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown
☐ Scattered

Lowest Cloud Condition Height

 ft agl

Ceiling

☒ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured
☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite
☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown

Ceiling Height

 ft agl

Temperature: 20 (C) or (F)

Dew Point: (C) or (F)

Altimeter Setting: in. Hg
 or MB

Wind Direction

☒ Variable

-or-
Direction: degrees true

Wind Speed

☐ Calm
☒ Light and Variable

-or-
Speed: kts

Wind Gusts

☒ Not Gusting

-or-
Speed: kts

Visibility greater 10 miles

RVR: feet

RVV: miles

Density Altitude: ft

Intensity of Precipitation

☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Heavy
☐ N/A
☐ Unknown

Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Freezing Rain
☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower
☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Ice Pellets Shower
☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle
☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals

Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ Fog
☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog
☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze
☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog
☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke
☐ Dust ☐ Unknown

Icing Forecast

Amount
☒ None ☐ N/A
☐ Trace ☐ Rime
☐ Light ☐ Clear
☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed
☐ Severe ☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown

Icing Actual

Amount
☒ None ☐ N/A
☐ Trace ☐ Rime
☐ Light ☐ Clear
☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed
☐ Severe ☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown

Turbulence

Type (Check all that apply)
☒ None ☐ Light
☐ Clear Air ☐ Moderate
☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Severe
☐ Convective Turbulence ☐ Extreme

NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:

none

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None ☒ Substantial
☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed
 ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(Use additional sheet if necessary)*

Bent landing skid, damaged main rotor blades, damaged tail rotor & gear box, damaged rear tail cone

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT *(Please type or print in ink)*

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

On December 15, 2016 I departed Las Cruces NM airport (KLRU) to Benson AZ airport (E95) and was traveling West bound following Interstate 10 with one passenger (my 24 year old daughter).

At approximately 10:30am I was approaching the Separ exit. There is a gift shop located on the South side of Interstate 10 at the Separ exit called Bowlin Trading Post. We decided to land so my daughter could use the restroom.

I circled the Bowlin building three times in a counter clockwise direction, at 500, 250 and 100 feet AGL studying my landing zone for wind direction, obstructions and suitability to land. There is a paved service road running East to West parallel to I10 in front of the Bowlin Trading Post. I intended this service road to be my landing zone. On the first two circles I turned my base leg inside of a tall radio tower located East of the landing zone. On my third circle while on downwind I decided to extend farther away from the landing zone than my first two circles to make a shallower approach than I originally planned. I turned base outside of the radio tower.

While on final at about 20-25 feet AGL and a speed of about 30 knots I noticed multiple electric wires at my elevation directly in front of the helicopter. The wires were about 20-30 feet away. I immediately lowered to the collective to avoid the wires. We landed hard bending the skids and breaking off the rear tail rotor and tail fins. There was also damage to the underside of the main rotor blades which I believe was caused by flying debris from tail rotor. The helicopter came to a stop about fifty feet past the wires. I checked for injuries to passenger and myself and turned off the engine and stopped the main rotor blades. There were no injuries. Local law enforcement arrived confirming no injuries and notified the FAA. After speaking with the FAA and the insurance company to get approval, I transported the helicopter to Deming Municipal Airport. Later that afternoon I spoke with the NTSB. After landing I did not see the power wires moving or any damage to them. The power company inspected the wires from the ground while I was there and did not detect any damage. While I originally thought I had hit the wires, I must have barely missed them.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

Increase pilot visibility by circling in a clockwise (pilot side) while inspecting landing zone for suitability to land. Additional observation circles for obstructions. Not expanding landing zone outside of observation area once observations have started. Increase pilot scan outside of approach path for hazard indicators such as poles and support structures for wires.

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

**Total Time/Cycles
On Part**

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

**Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled**

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION**Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff**

(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

46.5 Gallons**Fuel Type**☐ 80/87☐ 115/145☐ Jet B☐ Other, specify _____☒ 100 Low Lead☐ Jet A☐ JP8☐ 100/130☐ Jet A-1☐ Automotive**Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure**33.5 on board at time of accident**EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFT**Was an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☐ Yes ☒ No**Method of Exit** – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location**OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)****Aircraft Registration Number**n/a**Manufacturer:** _____**Model:** _____**Damage to Other Aircraft**☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☐ None**Registered Owner of Other Aircraft**

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Date of this Report

12/23/2016

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Mark D Bradshaw

Signature: _____

-- or --



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If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-- or --



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Name of Investigator

Kathryn Benhoff

Date Report Received

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