



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 8/26/2019
Person Contacted: Kevin Ware (pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA19CA509

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by the pilot in a telephone conversation on this date:

The helicopter pilot reported that he was hired to fly a photographer. The photographer requested a specific vantage point over a yacht, so the pilot began a right orbit about 20 feet above the water, about 10 to 15 knots, off the northern shore of the island. During the orbit, the helicopter drifted, struck a tree leaning over the water, lost altitude, and came to rest on its right side after it impacted the water.

The pilot reported that there were no preimpact malfunction or failures that would have precluded normal operations.

The pilot added he accumulated about 11,000 total flight hours with 1,500 hours in the helicopter.