



## **RECORD OF CONVERSATION**

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**Person Contacted: FAA Inspector James Black  
Date: 12-18-2014  
Time: 1030  
Subject: WPR14CA270; Robinson R44; N560LH; Quincy, WA**

### **Narrative:**

Inspector Black interviewed the pilot, and provided the following information.

The pilot stated that he inadvertently let the main rotor blades of the helicopter strike a wind generator tower during cherry drying operations. The helicopter became uncontrollable, and came to rest in the orchard. The main rotor blades and airframe sustained substantial damage.

The pilot stated that there were no mechanical issues with airframe or engine.

The pilot's total time was 1,835 hours with 718 hours in this make and model, and 69 hours in the last 90 days. The last regulatory check ride was November 1, 2013.