



RECORD OF EMAIL

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Email Received From: Richard Ramirez (FAA)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18LA170

Narrative:

During an email from Richard Ramirez the following is a summary of what he stated:

- A witness to the N557DC accident emailed the FAA.
- The witness was located on the south ramp of the North Las Vegas Air Terminal.
- The accident helicopter was about 300 ft away.
- About 1105, he first heard the helicopter to add power then heard a screech and several clunking sounds.
- He observed the helicopter shutter and shake with the main rotor blades flopping up and down and hitting other parts of the airframe.
- This lasted about 15 seconds as the helicopter destroyed itself.
- The helicopter never came to full power.
- The helicopter never left the ground.
- He jumped in his vehicle to drive to the scene to assist.
- The left fuel tank had separated from its mount and broke the rubber fuel vent line that was pouring fuel under the helicopter.
- He then assisted with stopping the fuel leak, supporting the pilot, contacting the authorities, and ensuring the helicopter was secured.