



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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National Transportation Safety Board
Office of Aviation Safety – Western Pacific Region

NTSB Accident Number: WPR19FA188
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N144TG; Robinson R-44
Accident Location: Hayward, California
Accident Date: July 15, 2019

Note: The following interview was documented by the Investigator –In-Charge (IIC), Stephen Stein.

Interview #1 Summary

Alan Griffin

Former instructor to the student accident pilot

Interview date and time: July 29, 2019; 1045 PT

According to Mr. Griffin, he was the student pilot's instructor for about 25 hours of instruction until December 2018 when they stopped flying together due to his own personal medical issues. Mr. Griffin stated that he has accumulated about 5,000 total hours as an instructor and noted that, during their training together, the student pilot progressed slower than most of his students as most of them would have soloed in the time they had flown together. He recalled that about every 2 hours of flight time together, the student pilot would perform unnecessarily aggressive control inputs. For example, during hover practice he may input too much right or left pedal and the helicopter would shift in the direction of the input. Mr. Griffin attributed these inputs to a lack of experience and low frequency of flight training. The student pilot would typically correct these aggressive inputs on his own, but about ten percent of the time Mr. Griffin would intervene.