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The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Crump in a telephone conversation.

On the day of the accident flight, he was demonstrating an autorotation. The intent was to emphasize how pitch affects autorotation's. While descending toward the runway, the helicopter had a high rate of descent. During the landing flare, he did not feel any effect and applied power to recover. He could still feel the helicopter descending as they approached the ground. He raised the collective as much as possible, but the helicopter landed hard.

According to the flight instructor there were no preimpact mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airframe or engine that would have precluded normal operation.