

Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

| Location: | Dustin, OK | Accident Number: | CEN21LA173 |
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| Date & Time: | March 26, 2021, 15:15 Local | Registration: | N178DF |
| Aircraft: | ROBINSON HELICOPTER COMPANY R44 II | Injuries: | 2 Serious, 2 Minor |
| Flight Conducted Under: | Part 91: General aviation - Aerial observation | | |

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

| Aircraft Make: | ROBINSON HELICOPTER COMPANY | Registration: | N178DF |
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| Model/Series: | R44 II | Aircraft Category: | Helicopter |
| Amateur Built: | | | |
| Operator: | Brush Popper Aviation LLC | Operating Certificate(s) Held: | None |
| Operator Designator Code: | | | |
| Meteorological Information and Flight Plan | | | |
| Conditions at Accident Site: | VMC | Condition of Light: | Day |
| Observation Facility, Elevation: | OKM,720 ft msl | Observation Time: | 15:15 Local |
| Distance from Accident Site: | 90 Nautical Miles | Temperature/Dew Point: | 24°C /7°C |
| Lowest Cloud Condition: | Clear | Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction | : 14 knots / 21 knots, 150 |
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| Lowest Ceiling: | None | Visibility: | 10 miles |
| Lowest Ceiling: Altimeter Setting: | None 29.89 inches Hg | Visibility: Type of Flight Plan Filed: | |
| - | | - | 10 miles |

Wreckage and Impact Information

| Crew Injuries: | 1 Serious | Aircraft Damage: | Substantial |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Passenger Injuries: | 1 Serious, 2 Minor | Aircraft Fire: | None |
| Ground Injuries: | | Aircraft Explosion: | None |
| Total Injuries: | 2 Serious, 2 Minor | Latitude, Longitude: | 35.2707,-96.0308 (est) |

Administrative Information

| Investigator In Charge (IIC): | Gallo, Mitchell |
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| Additional Participating Persons: | Renae Allmond; Federal Aviation Administration; Will Rogers Flight Standards District Office ; Oklahoma City, OK |
| Investigation Class: | Class 3 |
| Note: | The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident. |