



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Wingate, NC	Accident Number:	ERA21FA200
Date & Time:	May 2, 2021, 13:18 Local	Registration:	N4528T
Aircraft:	ROBINSON HELICOPTER R44	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 137: Agricultural		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	ROBINSON HELICOPTER	Registration:	N4528T
Model/Series:	R44	Aircraft Category:	Helicopter
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	KRITTER CROPDUSTING INC	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Agricultural aircraft (137)
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	EQY,679 ft msl	Observation Time:	12:53 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	12 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	25°C /15°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 3800 ft AGL	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	8 knots / 15 knots, 210°
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.02 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	NONE
Departure Point:	Wingate, NC	Destination:	Wingate, NC

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	34.882269,-80.435991

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Spencer, Lynn
Additional Participating Persons:	Eric Newsome; FAA FSDO; Charlotte, NC Thom Webster; Robinson Helicopters; Torrance, CA James M Childers; Lycoming Engine; Williamsport, PA
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	