



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Elgin, MN	Accident Number:	CEN21FA330
Date & Time:	July 19, 2021, 16:00 Local	Registration:	N44BJ
Aircraft:	Robinson R44	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 137: Agricultural		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Robinson	Registration:	N44BJ
Model/Series:	R44 II	Aircraft Category:	Helicopter
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	Skyhawk Aviation	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Agricultural aircraft (137)
Operator Designator Code:	2LVG		

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	RST,1304 ft msl	Observation Time:	15:54 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	17 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	28°C /17°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Few / 4800 ft AGL	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots / , 280°
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.2 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Elgin, MN	Destination:	Elgin, MN

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	On-ground
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	Unknown
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	44.108056,-92.204167

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Fox, Andrew

Additional Participating Persons: Nikolas Halatsis; Federal Aviation Administration - Minneapolis FSDO; Minneapolis, MN
Troy Helgeson; Lycoming Engines; Milliken, CO

Investigation Class: [Class 3](#)

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