



# Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

<b>Location:</b>	LaPlace, LA	<b>Accident Number:</b>	CEN22FA073
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	December 14, 2021, 12:36 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N150AS
<b>Aircraft:</b>	BELL HELICOPTER TEXTRON CANADA 407	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	BELL HELICOPTER TEXTRON CANADA	<b>Registration:</b>	N150AS
<b>Model/Series:</b>	407 NO SERIES	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Helicopter
<b>Amateur Built:</b>			
<b>Operator:</b>	RC SMITH AVIATION LLC	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

**Operator Designator Code:**

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	IMC	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	KAPS,6 ft msl	<b>Observation Time:</b>	12:35 Local
<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	11 Nautical Miles	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	19°C /19°C
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>		<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	3 knots / , 40°
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	Broken / 400 ft AGL	<b>Visibility:</b>	4 miles
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	30.31 inches Hg	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Baton Rouge, LA	<b>Destination:</b>	New Orleans, LA (KNEW)

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	On-ground
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	On-ground
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	30.076082,-90.402543 (est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Aguilera, Jason
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Richard Gordon; FAA FSDO; Baton Rouge, LA Nick Shepler; Rolls-Royce; Indianapolis, IN Beverly Harvey; Canada TSB; Ottawa , OF
<b>Investigation Class:</b>	<a href="#">Class 3</a>
<b>Note:</b>	