



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

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

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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

Operator Designator Code:

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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

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:	On-ground
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	30.076082,-90.402543 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Aguilera, Jason
Additional Participating Persons:	Richard Gordon; FAA FSDO; Baton Rouge, LA Nick Shepler; Rolls-Royce; Indianapolis, IN Beverly Harvey; Canada TSB; Ottawa , OF
Investigation Class:	Class 3
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