



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

**Robert Gretz**  
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**Date: July 9, 2019**  
**Person Contacted: Jim Zehr, FAA LOU FSDO**  
**NTSB Accident Number: ERA19TA213**

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### **Narrative:**

Mr. Zehr was interviewed via telephone. Mr. Zehr was at the accident site and spoke with the manager of the operator. The manager stated that the helicopter departed from a rooftop helipad of a truck to spray a field. The helicopter circled and as it approached the field, began to descend tail low, possibly due to weight. The helicopter then main a straight and level hard landing in the field. After the landing, the tailrotor separated, the helicopter spun left 90° and came to rest on its right side.

Mr. Zehr noted damage to the main rotor blades, tailrotor, fuselage, and tailboom.