

1 LEGEND: Q. DET. GARDNER A. LARRY SAYERS
2 Q2. DET. BERNSTEIN A2. UNKNOWN MALE
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4 A. 1945.

5 Q. I'm, I'm sorry, one more time?

6 A. [REDACTED] 1945.

7 Q. Okay. Um, obviously, you were in the hel-, you were in the helicopter when it went
8 down. Where were you sitting at in the helicopter?

9 A. Uh, right front.

10 Q. Right front?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. Um, you were on a survey mission. Is that correct?

13 A. That's correct. We were site selection.

14 Q. Site selection for a new.

15 A. Radio system.

16 Q. Okay. When was the first time that you knew that something was wrong? What did you,
17 what happened?

18 A. We touched down, kind of bumped forward. And then all of a sudden it started to rotate
19 violently.

20 Q. Were you in the process of landing?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. So, you were landing on a site, potential site that you wanted to take a look at,
23 correct?

24 A. Yeah, downhill from it a little bit. We would have to climb from there.

25 Q. Okay. What happened when you touched down?

26 A. We were kind of bumped forward. Then all of a sudden it just started spinning.

27 Q. Kind of bumped forward and, and it started to spin?

28 A. Yeah.

29 Q. Um.

30 A. I know the pilot cussed.

31 Q. The pilot cussed?

32 A. Yeah.

33 Q. So, obviously, he knew something was wrong?

34 A. He knew something was wrong.

1 Q. Okay. Was there any kind of instrumentality problem that he may have said or?

2 A. He didn't, didn't mention any problem whatsoever.

3 Q. Did he try to take off again?

4 A. Did he? I don't know. I don't.

5 Q. Was he, or do you know much about helicopters? Have you.

6 A. Well, I've flown on them several times.

7 Q. Okay. Was, did he try any emergency, uh, procedures in order to stop what was
8 happening?

9 A. Not that I know of.

10 Q. Okay. So, it just happened pretty quick, right?

11 A. Yes it did.

12 Q. Did it feel like the ground was unlevel?

13 A. It was, uh, kind of a ____ sight to try to land on.

14 Q. Okay. So, it was a little bit shallow? Maybe loose ground?

15 A. Uh, kind of, maybe sloped. I'm not sure.

16 Q. Okay. Did it feel like the helicopter like, gave under the, uh, uh, that the ground gave
17 away from under it?

18 A. Uh, no, I don't think so. He was coming in kind of, went forward as he was landing.
19 And bumped. And then it ____, kind of.

20 Q. Okay. Are you guys taking him right now?

21 Q2. Are you all set?

22 A2. Yeah. Uh huh (yes).

23 Q. Sorry, Mr. Sayers, we're gonna stop right now, okay? Present for this interview was
24 Deputy Bernstein, Badge 5680, Deputy Gardner, and, uh, Larry Sayers. The time is now
25 1452 on 1-31-2011. We're at University Medical Center.

26 WITNESS:

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