NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASI	C INFORMA	TION											
Accide	nt/Incident Loc	ation					Accident/Incident Date/Time						
	City/Place: Livin				_ State: N	1Y	Date	e:05/1		Lo	cal Time: _	03:15 AM	
ZIP:	(Country: US/						mm/da	d/yyyy	ты	me Zone:	Fastern	
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AIRC	RAFT INFO	RMATIO	N										
Registration Number: 183MP							IFR-Equip						
Manufa	acturer: Bell							☐ Commerci ☐ Unmanned		gnt			
Model:	OH58						Ma	ximum Gr	oss Weigh	t: <u>3200</u>		lbs	
Serial N	Number: <u>70-20</u>)666					We	eight at Tin	ne of Accid	lent/Inci	dent: <u>28</u> 4	40	_ lbs
Year of	Manufacture:	1970					Nu	mber of Se	ats: <u>5</u>		Flight Cre	ew Seats: 2	
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Eng. 4													
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O Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP) O Continuous Airworthiness				If active	ited:					ds Up Dis oard Wea			
O Other	r, specify:			Did ELT	Aid in L	ocating Aircra	ft: C	OYes ONo	□Sate	ellite Track	king Device	e	
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•						☐ Battery Ex		/Damaged					
						□Unknown							

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION								
Registered Aircraft Owner		City:	Wilmington					
Name: USA		•	ZIP: 19810					
Fractional Ownership Aircraft: O Yes O		Country:						
*								
Operator of Aircraft ☐ Same As Re	gistered Owner	Same Address as Registered Owner						
Name: Michael A. Susi		_ City:	Cold Spring					
Doing Business As: Susi Consulting, LLC		State: <u>NY</u> ZIP: <u>10516</u>						
Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Characte	er Code): <u>n/a</u>	Country: US	-					
Operating Certificates Held (Check all that apply)	Regulation Flight Conducted Un	der Revenue Operation for FAR 12 (Select one for each group)	1, 125, 129, 135					
☑ None □ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121) □ Supplemental □ Air Cargo □ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129)	©FAR 91 OFAR 129 OFAR 29 OFAR 103 OFAR 133 OFAR 20 OFAR 121 OFAR 135 OFAR 20 OFAR 125 OFAR 137 OFAR 20	431 435 437 Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi						
☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)	O FAR 91 Special Flight O Non-US, Commercial O Non-US, Non-commercial	O Cargo O Mail Contract Only						
☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135) ☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136) ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137)	OPublic Aircraft (Select one)	Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 10 (Select one)	03, 133, 137					
□ Pilot School (FAR 141) □ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) □ Commercial Space Transportation Experimental Permit □ Commercial Space Transportation License □ Other Operator of Large Aircraft	O Armed Forces O Federal O State O Local O Unknown	O Aerial Application O Aerial Observation O Air Drop O Air Race/Show O Banner Tow O Business O Executive/Corporate O Aerial Application O Fliefight O Glider O Glider O Other O Persor	Test Tow ctional Work Use nal					
Revenue Sightseeing Flight	Air Medical Flight	O External Load O Skydiv	ving					
OYes • No	O Yes O No	Oreny						
AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in	if accident/incident accurred on any	proced landing takeoff departure or u	vithin 2 miles of an airmort)					
Airport Name:		Distance From Airport Center:						
Airport Identifier: Proximity to Airport: Off Airport/Airstrip		Direction From Airport:						
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Runway Information Runway ID:(L/R/C) Length:	_ft Width:ft	Condition of Runway/Landing Surface Dry Snow-Compacte Holes Snow-Crusted						
Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that at Asphalt Grass/Turf Maca Concrete Gravel Meta Snow	dam	☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft ☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation	☐ Water-Glassy ☐ Wet ☐ Unknown					
Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)								
OTaxi OVFR Departure OTakeoff OIFR Departure Proc OInitial Climb	OOn Instrument Appledure/Clearance OLanding	OBase OGo Aro	und d Landing (after touchdown)					
IFR Approach (Check all that apply) □None		VFR Approach (Check all that apply) □None						
□ADF/NDB □PAR □SDF □Sidestep □VOR/TVOR □ILS □VOR/DME □Localizer Only □TACAN □LOC-back course □RNAV	□MLS □Practice □LDA □GPS □ASR □Visual □Contact □Circling □Unknown	☐ Straight-In ☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Go Around ☐ Full Stop	Stop and Go Touch and Go Simulated Forced Landing Forced Landing Precautionary Landing Unknown					

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 1" INFORMATION											
"Flight Crewmember 1" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident ⊙ Pilot O Co-Pilot O Student Pilot O Flight Instructor O Check Pilot O Flight Engineer O Other Flight Crew											
"Flight Crewmember 1" was		✓ Finght		Оспеск Рис	ot Orngi	it Engineer	O Other I	riight Crew			
"Flight Crewmember 1" Ide											
First Name: Michael	- Ittilication				City of Residence: Cold Spring						
Middle Initial: A.					•			ZIP: 10516	·		
Last Name: Susi					State: NY		·	ZIP. <u>10310</u>)		
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Age at time of	Accident/incide		_ Date of				m/dd/yyyy				
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Degree of Injury ⊙ None ○ Fatal	Seat Occup O Left	O Front	O Unkn		Restraint Type				Inflatable F	Kestraints	
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Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all	that apply)				O 3-poir	nt	O3-point		☐ Not De	ployed	
☐ None ☐ Flight In		Commercial	☐ US N		O 4-poii O 5-poii		O 4-point O 5-point		☐ Deploy ☐ Unknow		
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Medical Certificate Limitati		<u> </u>			-						
Must wear corrective lenses/Se	ee attached										
Medical Certificate Special	Issuance										
See attached											
Date of Last Flight Review		Fligh	nt Review Air	rcraft							
or Equivalent, Including		_	: Hughes								
FAR 121/135 Checks:	07/31/2018 mm/dd/yyyy		el: TH55								
Airplane Rating(s)	Other Aircra			ment Rating	a(e)	Instructo	r Rating(s)				
(Check all that apply)	(Check all that a			all that apply,		(Check all					
None	☐ None		☐ Non			☐ None			Instrument	Airplane	
☑ Single-Engine Land☐ Single-Engine Sea	☐ Airship ☐ Balloon		☐ Airp				e Single-Eng		Instrument	Helicopter	
☐ Multiengine Land	☐ Glider		☑ Heli	copter ered Lift		☐ Gyropla	e Multi-Engii ine		Helicopter Glider		
☐ Multiengine Sea	☐ Gyroplane					Powere			Sport		
	☑ Helicopter☑ Powered Lif	ì									
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number of hours in each box)	Aircraft	& Model	Engine	Multiengi		Actual	Simulated	Rotorcraft	Glider	Than Air	
Total Time	4,383	564			77	_		4,168			
Pilot in Command (PIC) Time as Instructor	4,254 1,300	564 50			12	_		4,068 1,300			
This Make/Model	1,300	30				4		1,300			
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Last 30 Days	7	1				1		7			
Last 24 Hours	1	1	1	1		1		1			

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION										
"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident OPilot OCo-Pilot OStudent Pilot OFlight Instructor OCheck Pilot OFlight Engineer Other Flight Crew										
"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying □ Yes □ No										
"Flight Crewmember 2" I	dentification									
First Name: Jerald		_ C	ity of Re	sidence: Kir	gston					
Middle Initial:				S	tate: NY	,	Z	IP: <u>12402</u>		
Last Name: Schatzel						US				
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O Pilot O Other			(Sport Pilot on	_		ations/waivers				
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Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including	v	Flight R	eview Aircra	lft						
FAR 121/135 Checks:										
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☐ Multiengine Sea	☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane		☐ Powered	Lift		☐ Gyroplan☐ Powered			Glider Sport	
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number of hours in each box)		Model		Multiengine	Night	Actual	Simulated	Rotorcraft	Glider	Than Air
Total Time										
Pilot in Command (PIC)										
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours	1						Ī	Ì		

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)									
Crew Name and Add	ress						Seat Occupie	ed	Injury
Middle Initial:		State	City of Residence:				O Left O Center O Right	O Front O Rear O Single O Unknown	O None O Minor O Serious O Fatal O Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) None						Restraint Tyl Available O None O Lap Only O 3-point O 4-point O 5-point O Unknown	Vsed O None Lap Only O 3-point O 4-point O 5-point O Unknown	Inflatable Restraints Not Installed Installed Not Deployed Deployed Unknown	
Accident/Incident Al	rcrait: \(\text{Yes}	□ No	of this A	Accident/Inci	ident:	nrs			
Crew Name and Add	ress						Seat Occupie	ed	Injury
First Name: City of Residence: Middle Initial: State: ZIP: Last Name: Country:						OLeft OCenter ORight	O Front O Rear O Single O Unknown	O None O Minor O Serious O Fatal O Unknown	
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) □ None □ Flight Instructor □ Commercial □ US Military □ Private □ Recreational □ Airline Transport □ Foreign □ Student □ Sport □ Flight Engineer Type Rating/Endorsement for Total Flight Time at the Time					Restraint Tyl Available O None O Lap Only O 3-point O 4-point O 5-point	vec: Used O None O Lap Only O 3-point O 4-point O 5-point	Inflatable Restraints Not Installed Installed Not Deployed Deployed		
Accident/Incident Air					dent:		O Unknown	O Unknown	Unknown
PASSENGER(S) /	OTHER PERSO	NNEL (I	nclude c	abin crew; c	ontinue on s	eparate shee	t if necessary)	I	1
Name and Address				Seat	Injury	Restraint T		Inflatable Restraints	Age
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FLIGHT ITINERARY	/ INFORMATIO	N					
Last Departure Point	Tin	ne of Departure	Destination	on		Type Fligh	nt Plan Filed
Airport ID: Off airport		0245414	Airport ID:	N/A		None	O VFR/IFR
City: Livingston	I im	e: <u>0315AM</u>	City:			O Company O Military	
State: NY	Tim	e Zone: Eastern				O VFR	VIR O Olikilowii
Country: US						Activated?	OYes ONo OUnknown
Type of ATC Clearance/S	ervice (Check all that	apply)					
	☐ Special VFR ☐ IFR		ecial IFR R On Top		□ VFR Flight Foll□ Traffic Advisory		☐ Cruise ☐ Unknown / NA
Airspace where the accide							Altitude of In-Flight
. _	☑ Class G ☐ Demo Area		itary Operations port Advisory A		☐ Special ☐ Air Traffic Contr	mal Amaa	Occurrence:
	☐ Warning Area		Training Area	ica	Unknown	Of Alea	300 ft msl
☐ Class D	☐Prohibited Area						
	Restricted Area	□ FAI					
WEATHER INFORM		E ACCIDEN	T/INCIDEN	ı		<u>.</u>	
Source of Pilot Weather I (Check all that apply)	nformation				ervation Facility		
□ National Weather Service	☐ Cor	mpany		Facility ID: Kp			
☐ Flight Service Station	☐ Mil	itary			ne: 0220 Local		
☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report	☑ Inte □ Noi			Time Zone: E			
Commercial Weather Servi					Accident Site: 32		
On-Board Weather		1		Direction from	Accident Site: 3		degrees true
Basic Conditions		Light Conditi		25.1	N. 1. O.		
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Sky/Lowest Cloud Condit	tion	Ceiling			Temperature:	1	(C) or(F)
⊙ Clear	O Thin Broken	None (Clear)		Obscured			
O Few O Partial Obscuration	O Thin Overcast O Unknown	O Broken O Overcast		Indefinite Unknown			,
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O Light O Moderate	□ None □ Rain	☐ Drizzle☐ Ice Pellets	☐ Freezin ☐ Snow S		☑ None☐ Blowing Du	ıst 🔲 I	rog Ground Fog
O Heavy	\square Snow	☐ Snow Pellet	s 🗖 Ice Pell	ets Shower	☐ Blowing Sa	nd 🔲 I	Haze
O N/A O Unknown	☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers	Snow Grain		g Drizzle	☐ Blowing Sn☐ Blowing Sp		Ice Fog Smoke
Onknown	☐ Rain Snowers	☐ Ice Crystals			Dust		Unknown
Icing Forecast		Icing Actual			Turbulence		-
Amount Type		Amount	Type		Type (Check a	ll that apply)	Severity
O None O N/A O Trace O Rime		O None O Trace	O N/A O Rime		☑ None ☐ Clear Air		☐Light ☐Moderate
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DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY								
Aircraft Dama	ige	Aircraft Fire		Aircraft Explosion				
O None O Minor	O Substantial O Destroyed O Unknown	NoneIn-FlightOn-Ground	O Both Ground and In-Flight O Fire at Unknown Time O Unknown	NoneIn-FlightOn-Ground	O Both Ground and In-Flight O Explosion at Unknown Time O Unknown			

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property (Use additional sheet if necessary)

Skids/Rotors/Tailboom Substantially damaged. Aircraft totally destroyed

No public property damage

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT (Please type or print in ink)

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

A few days prior to the accident flight I received a call from the aircraft owner asking if I would be able to volunteer my time to assist a friend of his who owns an Apple Orchard. The weather forecast was calling for frost which would damage the apples. He volunteered his aircraft and a pilot. Neither the aircraft or pilot would not be compensated. I know that Jeff constantly volunteers his time and aircraft for community events, the VFW, and static displays.

On May 13, 2020 between 6:00 PM and 6:15 PM I met Jeffrey Lyons, Jerry Schatzel, Bill Spatafora and another female, I think her name was Arielle, at the Kingston airport. I preflighted the aircraft I was going to be flying, a Bell OH58 Helicopter. Jerry would be flying with me while the other we be flying in another aircraft. Jerry and I departed Kingston about 7:00PM and followed the other aircraft to Columbia County Airport. We topped the OH58 off with fuel and relocated to Kline Kill Farms. On my way to Kline Kill Farms I circled over the orchard that I would be flying that night. I estimated that 300 foot altitude would provide me with a 100 foot clearance above the surrounding obstacles. I landed at Kline Kill Farms and completed a post flight inspection and secured the aircraft with tie downs, pitot tube cover, and a blanket over the windshield. At that time I noted my altimeter was reading 210 feet.

The owner of the farm provided us with an apartment to stay in the City of Hudson and a Van for us to travel in. On the way to the apartment we ordered two pizzas and picked them up on the way. We arrived at the apartment around 8:55PM. I had some pizza and Laid down on a couch, falling asleep around 10:00PM. Around 2:15PM I was awoke by Jeff Lyons and advised that the Farmer requested us to come back to the farm because the temperature was dropping. On the way to the farm I checked the Poughkeepsie and Albany Weather. We arrived at the farm around 3:00 AM and I preflighted the OH58, Removed the tiedowns, pitot cover and blanket. After my preflight Jerry hooked up the GPU and I started the aircraft. Jerry took the GPU over to the other aircraft and I went through my preflight checklist. Jerry returned around five minutes later and got in the front left seat and secured his seat and shoulder belts. I handed him my Tablet which had an aerial view of the field we would be flying to. He secured it on his lap. I turned on the landing light and deployed it so it was facing in front of the aircraft. I completed a hovering power check and noted it took approximately 70 % torque to hover. I knew I would have sufficient power to hover around the orchard when I arrived. I took off around 3:15 AM to the west and made a climbing left turn to avoid obstacles that were on the right side of the aircraft. I climbed to approximately 450 feet, 60 kts and turned off the landing light. Jerry provide me with directions to the filed. As we got closer to the field, I slowed the helicopter down and descended to approximately 325 feet. Jerry advised me that we were almost there and about a field away. I Checked the radar altimeter and it read 150 feet. I know the radar altimeter only reads the height above the ground and does not provide obstacle clearance. I was planning on using radar altimeter to supplement the aircraft altimeter. I looked at the tablet on Jerrys lap and saw our position which was south west of the field and approximately 600 feet away. I turned on the landing light which was in the stowed position. The control switch is on the collective and is controlled by a Cooley hat. As I started to deploy the landing light I saw a shadow, I pulled slight aft cyclic, followed by contact which I thought were tree branches. I glanced at the altimeter and I was at 300 feet and 30 kts with the aircraft spinning to the right. The landing light was only illuminating the ground directly below me and through the chin bubble I could see we were spinning. I applied left pedal, but it had no effect. I got out a radio call saying we hit a branch going down. I tried to zero my airspeed and slow the rotation by use of the collective and throttle, in an attempt to contact the ground in a level attitude. We contacted the ground hard and the aircraft rolled over on its left side. I closed the throttle and turned the battery, generator, and inverter off. I asked Jerry if he was OK and he replied he was fine. We exited the aircraft and within a few minutes someone from the farm showed up and directed us out of the filed to a roadway where an ambulance and State Police subsequently showed up. I provided the State Police will all my information and at that time I believe they said they notified the FAA. Later that morning I was contacted by a member of the FAA and answered his questions.

RECOMMENDATION (How	could this	accident/incident ha	ve been pre	vented?)			
Operator/Owner Safety Recomm	endation						
1.) Instead of high reconnaiss	ance I did ir	n day light I should	have shot a	n approa	ach into the ord	chard and noted obs	stacle hieght.
2.) I would then fly at 500 feet	and circle	down over the field					
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Was an emergency evacuation	of the aircr	aft performed?	☑ Yes	□ No			
Method of Exit – Describe how	the occupan	ts exited and how ma	ny occupants	s evacuate	ed each location		
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