



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: 4/2/2020**

**Person Contacted: Tim Salaika (father of Pilot)**

**NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA051**

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**Narrative:**

Spoke with Mr. Salaika about the accident involving N57SJ. He informed me that his son was the pilot of the helicopter when the accident happened. He informed me that Salaika Aviation still had the accident helicopter. I asked him if they were able to determine the reason for the loss of engine power that his son experienced during the accident flight. He told me that they found that a piece of the #3 cylinder intake valve had broken off and that piece of valve had somehow migrated into the #1 cylinder intake valve and had blocked that valve open. He said this resulted in the loss of 2 cylinders and that the helicopter could still be flown under a loss of one cylinder but not if 2 cylinders were lost. I then got his e-mail address and told him I would send a NTSB report form to fill out and that he should have his son as the pilot supply a narrative of the flight when the report was returned.

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