

# Memorandum of Conversation

Date: February 25, 2021

Time: 0818 central standard time

Conversation Including: Roger H. Mussche (Pilot)

Conversation Regarding: CEN21LA124, N552DR

Duration of Call: 5 Minutes



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## Summary & Factual Information from Conversation:

NTSB Investigator Fox called Mr. Mussche to discuss the Hiller UH-12C accident that had occurred at his personal residence in Lafayette, Indiana, on January 12, 2021, about 1615 eastern standard time.

Mr. Mussche stated that he only intended to fly the helicopter in low hover because it had not been operated in couple months. Shortly after liftoff, the helicopter drifted left, and the left landing skid contacted the ground, which caused a dynamic rollover onto the helicopter's left side. Mr. Mussche and his passenger were able to exit the helicopter without injury. The main rotor system, transmission structural support, and tail rotor drive shaft were substantially damaged.

Mr. Mussche stated that there were no preaccident mechanical malfunctions or failures with the helicopter that would have precluded normal operation. He stated that the accident was "all his fault." Mr. Mussche stated that he had not flown the helicopter in the previous 2 months, and that the accident might have been prevented had he flown the helicopter more frequently.

Mr. Mussche also noted that he had intended to fly the helicopter to his mechanic for an annual inspection after the short hover flight.

--- End of interview summary ---

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I can attest that the above summary and factual information was taken on the above stated day, and is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signed: \_ Andrew Todd Fox \_

Dated: \_ February 25, 2021 \_

**Andrew Todd Fox**  
**National Transportation Safety Board**  
**Air Safety Investigator**