

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Vehicle Recorder Division
Washington, D.C. 20594

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Addendum 2 - Personal Electronic Devices

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This addendum is an additional addendum to Addendum – Personal Electronic Devices written on November 23, 2020.

1. EVENT SUMMARY

Location: Calabasas, California
Date: January 26, 2020
Aircraft: Sikorsky S76-B
Registration: N72EX
Operator: Island Express Holding Corp.
NTSB Number: DCA20MA059

On January 26, 2020, about 0945 Pacific standard time, a Sikorsky S76-B helicopter, N72EX, was destroyed when it was involved in an accident near Calabasas, California. The pilot and eight passengers were fatally injured. The helicopter was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 135 charter flight.

2. GROUP

A group was not convened.

3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Vehicle Recorder Division received the following personal electronic device (PED) that belonged to the pilot:

Device Manufacturer/Model:	Apple iPhone 11 Pro
IMEI Number:	353236100861429

3.1. Data Recovery

The phone was sent to the D.C. Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS) for data extraction assistance. The DFS could extract only partial unencrypted data from the device without passcode.

As of November 23, 2020, no passcodes were provided to the Vehicle Recorder Division.

On December 15, 2020, the DFS obtained technology support of data extraction for the phone and started a program to recover data from the phone.

On February 16, 2021, the DFS recovered data from the phone and performed a forensic extraction. The data were reviewed at the Vehicle Recorder Division on February 24, 2021. In a consultant with the investigator-in-charge (IIC), no additional pertinent data to this investigation was found.