



**CEN21LA356
CASE FINDINGS**

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During the course of the investigation, the following information was obtained.

On August 5, 2021, the NTSB duty officer took an incoming call from a pilot who had collided with power lines in a Bell 206B, N59552. He reported to the duty officer that he did not see the powerlines. The pilot had set his “A-B line” descended and entered the field. As soon as the helicopter descended into the field, it collided with the lines.

FAA Inspector Andrew Stader from the Indianapolis FSDO responded to the accident scene and collected additional information. The pilot reported to Inspector Stader that he flew over the field and did not see the power lines stretched across it. On the first aerial application path the helicopter struck the power lines and collided with terrain. The pilot reported having accrued 1,600 hrs, 350 hrs in the make and model, and 180 hrs in the preceding 90 days. The helicopter had approximately 12,425 hours. The helicopter was registered to Syncan Corp DBA Sinton Helicopters and was operated by Southmark Aviation. A visual inspection of the helicopter did not reveal any anomalies which would have contributed to the accident.

The wreckage was not retained since we did not suspect a mechanical malfunction.

An NTSB Form 6120 was not received.

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