



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person Interviewed: Wasim Niiazi - Pilot
NTSB Case Number: ERA20CA319

Narrative:

Mr. Wasim Niiazi was interviewed by telephone.

Wasim stated they flew uneventfully from Merritt Island to some private property in Kenansville Florida. They landed on a small circular concrete pad made for landing with helicopters. They stopped for a while and decided to fly back to Merritt Island. Wasim stated he preflight the helicopter again and all checked out. During takeoff, when the left skid was coming off the ground, he felt a small jerk, so he moved the cyclic to the left and forward. When the cyclic moved it hit the passengers left knee and he jerked causing the cyclic to move back to the right and the helicopter rolled over to the right side. They were not injured.

Wasim Niiazi stated there was no mechanical issues with the helicopter.