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NTSB Case Number: ERA22LA069

Aircraft: K Copters 47G-2, N210JB

Accident Date: 11/20/2021

Subject: Telephone interview with
FAA Inspector Robert Hall about
accident event

In a telephone conversation with Inspector Hall, he said this training accident involved a flight instructor and a student pilot during a helicopter training flight. The purpose of the flight was to conduct hover and pattern work maneuvers. He interviewed the flight instructor, and they stated that at the end of the flight the student was hovering over a grassy area while waiting to return to the ramp area. The instructor said she was looking around to make sure the runway was clear, while making a radio call, when suddenly, the helicopter pitched up. She tried to regain control of the helicopter, but it was too late, and it collided with the ground and rolled over. The flight instructor said she was not on the flight controls prior to the helicopter losing control.

Inspector Hall interviewed the student pilot, the student pilot stated that he was practicing hovering maneuvers for about an hour. The student pilot said that he became fatigued and transferred the flight controls to the flight instructor as they waited to cross the field. He said suddenly the nose pitched up and the tailboom hit the ground. The helicopter then rolled onto its side on the ground. The student pilot said that he did not have the controls at the time of the accident.

Inspector Hall examined the helicopter with assistance from Scott-Bell inc., and no mechanical anomalies were discovered with the helicopter. Inspector Hall confirmed structural damage to the airframe and sent pictures showing the damaged airframe. Inspector Hall said that during

the interviews of both pilots, seemed to believe that the other was on the controls at the time of the accident.