
 <b>National Transportation Safety Board</b> <b>PRELIMINARY REPORT</b> <b>AVIATION</b>		NTSB ID: DFW07FA198		Most Critical Injury: Fatal	
		Occurrence Date: 09/12/2007		Investigated By: NTSB	
		Occurrence Type: Accident		ICAO Report Submitted:	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place		State	Zip Code	Local Time	Time Zone
Hosston		LA	71043	1830	CST
Aircraft Information					
Registration Number		Aircraft Manufacturer		Model/Series Number	
N313BG		Fairchild Hiller		FH-1100	
Type of Aircraft: Helicopter			Homebuilt Aircraft? No		
Injury Summary:		Fatal	2	Serious	Minor
					None
Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No		
Narrative					
Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:					
<p>On September 12, 2007, about 1830 central daylight time, a turbine powered Fairchild Hiller FH-1100 helicopter, N313BG, was destroyed when it collided with terrain while in cruise flight near Hosston, Louisiana. The commercial pilot and pilot rated passenger sustained fatal injuries. The airplane was registered to and operated by Van Nevel Helicopters Inc., of Century, Florida. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and no flight plan was filed for the 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 personal flight. The 1,620-nautical mile cross-country flight originated from Century, Florida, and was destined for Boulder City Municipal Airport (61B), near Boulder City, Nevada.</p> <p>The last recorded fuel stop was at the Vicksburg Municipal Airport (VKS), located near Vicksburg, Mississippi, and was approximately 180 miles south east of the accident site. Fueling records revealed that the helicopter was serviced with 56-gallons of Jet A aviation fuel at 1617.</p> <p>There were no eyewitnesses to the accident; however, one individual located two and three fourth miles south east of the accident site, reported seeing a helicopter at tree top level flying in a north westerly direction around 1830. The witness reported that the helicopter "was not moving fast" and that she waved at the person seating on the right side of the helicopter as it passed over. Initially she thought the helicopter was going to land in her front yard.</p> <p>At 1853, the automated weather observing system at the Shreveport Downtown Airport, (DTN), Shreveport, Louisiana, located 25 nautical miles south east from the site of the accident, reported wind from 110 degrees at 4 knots, 10 statute miles visibility, scattered clouds at 3,100 feet, broken overcast at 4,400 feet, overcast at 8,500 feet, temperature 75 degrees Fahrenheit, dew point 66 degrees Fahrenheit, and a barometric pressure setting of 29.98 inches of Mercury.</p>					
PRELIMINARY INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO CHANGE					

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Other Aircraft Involved		
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Accident Information	
Aircraft Damage: Destroyed	Accident Occurred During: Cruise
Property Damage:	

Crew	Name	Certificate No.	Injury
Pilot	On File		Fatal
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Operator Information			
Name Van Nevel Helicopters Inc	Operator Designator Code	Doing Business As	
Street Address 6080 Industrial Blvd	City Century	State FL	Zip Code 32535
-Type of Certificate(s) Held: None			
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):			
Operating Certificate:		Operator Certificate:	
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation			
Type of Flight Operations Conducted: Personal			

Flight Plan/Itinerary			
Type of Flight Plan Filed: None			
Last Departure Point VICKSBURG	State MS	Airport Identifier VKS	
Destination PARIS	State TX	Airport Identifier PRX	

Weather Information				
Investigator's Source:	Facility ID: DTN	Observation Time (Local): 1853		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Scattered	3100 Ft. AGL			
Lowest Ceiling: Broken	4400 Ft. AGL	Visibility: 10 SM	Altimeter: 29.98	"Hg

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**Weather Information** (Continued from page 2)

Temperature: 24 °C	Dew Point: 19 °C	Wind Direction: 110	
Wind Speed: 4 Kts.	Gusts: Kts.	Weather Conditions at Accident Site:	

**Administration Data**

Notification From FAA ROC	Date 09/12/2007	Local Time
FAA District Office/Coordinator Baton Rouge, Louisiana Jim Copit	Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) Timothy J. LeBaron	