



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

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<b>Location:</b>	INTRACOASTL CTY, LA	<b>Accident Number:</b>	FTW97FA208B
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	06/01/1997, 1125 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N2773A
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Bell 206L-1	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal

**Flight Conducted Under:** Part 91: General Aviation - Positioning

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See narrative for FTW97FA208A.

## Pilot Information

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<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial	<b>Age:</b>	56, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Right
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	Helicopter	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane; Helicopter	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	Yes
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 1 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	03/03/1997
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	11000 hours (Total, all aircraft), 10500 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 90 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 40 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 6 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Bell	Registration:	N2773A
Model/Series:	206L-1 206L-1	Aircraft Category:	Helicopter
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	45298
Landing Gear Type:	Skid	Seats:	7
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	05/19/1997, 100 Hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	4150 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	32 Hours	Engines:	1 Turbo Shaft
Airframe Total Time:	7310 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	Allison
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	250-C28B
Registered Owner:	HOUSTON HELICOPTERS INC.	Rated Power:	500 hp
Operator:	HOUSTON HELICOPTERS INC.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand Air Taxi (135)
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	YHHA

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	ICY, 4 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	3 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	1150 CDT	Direction from Accident Site:	90°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 4000 ft agl	Visibility	7 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	330°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	25° C / 14° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	ABBEVILLE, LA (0R3)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Company VFR
Destination:	EAST CAMERON, GM	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1119 CDT	Type of Airspace:	Class G

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** GEORGIA R SNYDER

**Additional Participating Persons:** MICHAEL B CHAPMAN; BATON ROUGE, LA  
DAVID C DOSKER; FORT WORTH, TX  
CARL BROWN; LAFAYETTE, LA  
BILL THORNTON; PEARLAND, TX

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