



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Dewey, AZ	Accident Number:	WPR15LA177
Date & Time:	06/01/2015, 1945 MST	Registration:	N73AW
Aircraft:	BELL 206 L4	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Ferry		

On June 1, 2015, about 1945 mountain standard time, a Bell 206L-4, N73AW, sustained substantial damage during an emergency landing following a reported loss of engine power, near Dewey, Arizona. The helicopter was registered to Air Medical Services LLC and operated by Air West Helicopters under the provisions of Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91. The commercial pilot, the sole occupant of the helicopter, was not injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and a company visual flight rules, flight plan was filed for the cross country, ferry flight, that departed Valle Airport (40G), Grand Canyon, Arizona about 1900 with a planned destination of Glendale Municipal Airport (GEU), Glendale, Arizona.

The pilot reported a loss of engine power while in cruise flight at about 750 feet, above ground level, and performed an autorotation emergency landing. During the landing sequence, the main rotor blades struck the tail boom and resulted in substantial damage.

The helicopter was recovered to a secure local storage facility for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	BELL	Registration:	N73AW
Model/Series:	206 L4 L4	Aircraft Category:	Helicopter
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:	AIR WEST	Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	On-demand Air Taxi (135)

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	PRC, 5044 ft msl	Observation Time:	1953 MST
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Temperature/Dew Point:	24° C / -6° C
Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	6 knots, 210°	Visibility	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.08 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Company VFR
Departure Point:	GRAND CANYON, AZ (40G)	Destination:	GLENDALE, AZ (GEU)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None		

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Albert P Nixon
Additional Participating Persons:	Yasmin Duran; Federal Aviation Administration; Scottsdale, AZ
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.