

 National Transportation Safety Board <b>FACTUAL REPORT</b> AVIATION	NTSB ID: DFW07WA166		Aircraft Registration Number: HR-ASO		
	Occurrence Date: 07/22/2007		Most Critical Injury: Fatal		
	Occurrence Type: Accident		Investigated By: Foreign		
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place San Salvador	State	Zip Code 00000	Local Time 1232	Time Zone UTC	
Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip		Distance From Landing Facility:			
Aircraft Information Summary					
Aircraft Manufacturer Robinson		Model/Series R22 Beta II		Type of Aircraft Helicopter	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No		
Narrative					
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On July 22, 2007, at 1232 universal coordinated time (UTC), a single-engine Robinson R-22 Beta II helicopter, Salvadorian registration HR-ASO, was destroyed upon impact with terrain under unknown circumstances near San Salvador, in the Republic of El Salvador. The private pilot, sole occupant of the helicopter, was fatally injured. The helicopter, serial number 2818, was registered to, and operated by a private individual. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed throughout the area for the personal flight. The local flight originated from the Ilopango Airport (MSSS) approximately 3 minutes prior to the mishap.</p> <p>According to the authorities, the helicopter impacted the ground approximately three minutes after takeoff. Additionally, a local newspaper reported that a witness to the accident observed the helicopter perform several turns before descending into the forested area.</p> <p>The accident investigation is under the control and jurisdiction of the Government of the Republic of El Salvador. Additional information may be obtained from:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Republica de El Salvador          Autoridad de Aviacion Civil (AAC)          Carretera Panamericana, Kilmetro 9 1/2          Ilopango, El Salvador</p> <p>This report is for informational purposes only and contains only information released by, or obtained from the AAC of the Republic of El Salvador.</p>					
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<b>Landing Facility/Approach Information</b>						
Airport Name Ilopango International		Airport ID: MSSS	Airport Elevation Ft. MSL	Runway Used NA	Runway Length	Runway Width
Runway Surface Type:						
Runway Surface Condition:						
Approach/Arrival Flown: NONE						
VFR Approach/Landing: None						
<b>Aircraft Information</b>						
Aircraft Manufacturer Robinson		Model/Series R22 Beta II		Serial Number 2818		
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Normal						
Landing Gear Type: Skid						
Amateur Built Acft? No	Number of Seats: 2	Certified Max Gross Wt. LBS		Number of Engines: 1		
Engine Type:	Engine Manufacturer:	Model/Series:	Rated Power:			
- Aircraft Inspection Information						
Type of Last Inspection	Date of Last Inspection	Time Since Last Inspection Hours	Airframe Total Time Hours			
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information						
ELT Installed?/Type Yes /	ELT Operated? No	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site? No				
<b>Owner/Operator Information</b>						
Registered Aircraft Owner Hinmer O. Benitez		Street Address				
		City	State	Zip Code 00000		
Operator of Aircraft Hinmer O. Benitez		Street Address				
		City San Salvador	State	Zip Code 00000		
Operator Does Business As: Personal			Operator Designator Code:			
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held: None						
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):						
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:			
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Non-U.S., Non-Commercial						
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Personal						

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**First Pilot Information**

Name On File	City	State	Date of Birth	Age
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Sex:	Seat Occupied:	Occupational Pilot?	Certificate Number:
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Certificate(s):

Airplane Rating(s):

Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA:

Instrument Rating(s):

Instructor Rating(s):

Current Biennial Flight Review?

Medical Cert.:	Medical Cert. Status:	Date of Last Medical Exam:
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- Flight Time Matrix	All A/C	This Make and Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multi-Engine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot In Command(PIC)										
Instructor										
Instruction Received										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

Seatbelt Used?	Shoulder Harness Used?	Toxicology Performed?	Second Pilot? No
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**Flight Plan/Itinerary**

Type of Flight Plan Filed: VFR

Departure Point	State	Airport Identifier	Departure Time	Time Zone
San Salvador		MSSS	1229	UTC

Destination	State	Airport Identifier	
Local Flight			


Type of Clearance: VFR

Type of Airspace:

**Weather Information**

Source of Wx Information:

Unknown

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<b>Weather Information</b>					
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation  Ft. MSL	WOF Distance From Accident Site  NM	Direction From Accident Site  Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition:				Ft. AGL	Condition of Light:
Lowest Ceiling:			Ft. AGL	Visibility: SM	Altimeter: "Hg
Temperature: °C	Dew Point: °C	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions			
Wind Direction:		Wind Speed:		Wind Gusts:	
Visibility (RVR): Ft.		Visibility (RVV) SM			
Precip and/or Obscuration:					

<b>Accident Information</b>		
Aircraft Damage: Destroyed	Aircraft Fire:	Aircraft Explosion

- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot	1				1
Second Pilot					
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants					
Other Crew					
Passengers					
- TOTAL ABOARD -	1				1
Other Ground					
- GRAND TOTAL -	1				1

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Administrative Information

Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

Hector R. Casanova

Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation:

Ramon Barrera  
San Antonio, Texas