



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Monroe, GA	Accident Number:	ERA25LA338
Date & Time:	September 10, 2025, 11:00 Local	Registration:	N992MR
Aircraft:	Bell 206	Injuries:	2 Serious
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Instructional		

On September 10, 2025, about 1100 eastern daylight time, a Bell 206, N992MR, was destroyed when it was involved in an accident near Monroe, Georgia. The flight instructor and student pilot were seriously injured. The helicopter was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 instructional flight.

According to the flight instructor, he and the student were practicing hovering at about 10-15ft agl in an open field when the helicopter suddenly, and violently, turned to the right. The instructor, who was sitting in the left seat, immediately rolled the throttle control to the idle position before the helicopter contacted the ground. The helicopter immediately caught fire and was consumed.

The flight instructor stated that the student pilot had purchased the helicopter about a month ago and that he had flown with the student 3 or 4 times in that helicopter prior to the accident. On the day of the accident, the flight instructor met the student pilot at the student pilot's residence where the helicopter was stored. The training for the day included a flight from the student pilot's residence to Covington Municipal Airport (CVC) in Covington, Georgia, where they did some training before refueling. The instructor stated that they filled the helicopter with fuel before departing CVC and headed toward the field where the accident occurred to practice hovering. While practicing hovering, the instructor stated that he was on the controls with the student and did not feel any erratic maneuvers or jerking that would have caused the helicopter to turn violently to the right.

The wreckage was retained for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Bell	Registration:	N992MR
Model/Series:	206 B	Aircraft Category:	Helicopter
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	D73,867 ft msl	Observation Time:	10:55 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	3 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	22°C /12°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.21 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	NONE
Departure Point:		Destination:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	On-ground
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Serious	Latitude, Longitude:	33.728719,-83.671983 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Enders, Ryan
Additional Participating Persons:	Beverley Harvey; Transportation Safety Board of Canada Gary Howe; Bell Helicopter Joseph Howard; FAA/FSDO; Atlanta, GA Jack Johnson; Rolls-Royce
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.