



# National Transportation Safety Board

## Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Italy, TX	Accident Number:	DCA16FA199
Date & Time:	07/06/2016, 1148 CDT	Registration:	N525TA
Aircraft:	BELL 525	Injuries:	2 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Flight Test		

On July 6, 2016, about 1148 central daylight time, an experimental Bell 525 helicopter, N525TA, broke up inflight and impacted terrain near Italy, Texas. The two pilots onboard were fatally injured and the helicopter was destroyed. The flight originated from Arlington, Texas, as a developmental flight test and was conducted under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident.

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	BELL	Registration:	N525TA
Model/Series:	525	Aircraft Category:	Helicopter
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:	Bell Helicopter - Textron	Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)

### Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	Observation Time:		
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions		
Lowest Ceiling:	Temperature/Dew Point:		
Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	Visibility		
Altimeter Setting:	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Company VFR	
Departure Point:	Arlington, TX (GKY)	Destination:	Arlington, TX (GKY)

### Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	On-Ground
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Fatal		

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): John W Lovell

Additional Participating Persons:

Note: The NTSB traveled to the scene of this accident.