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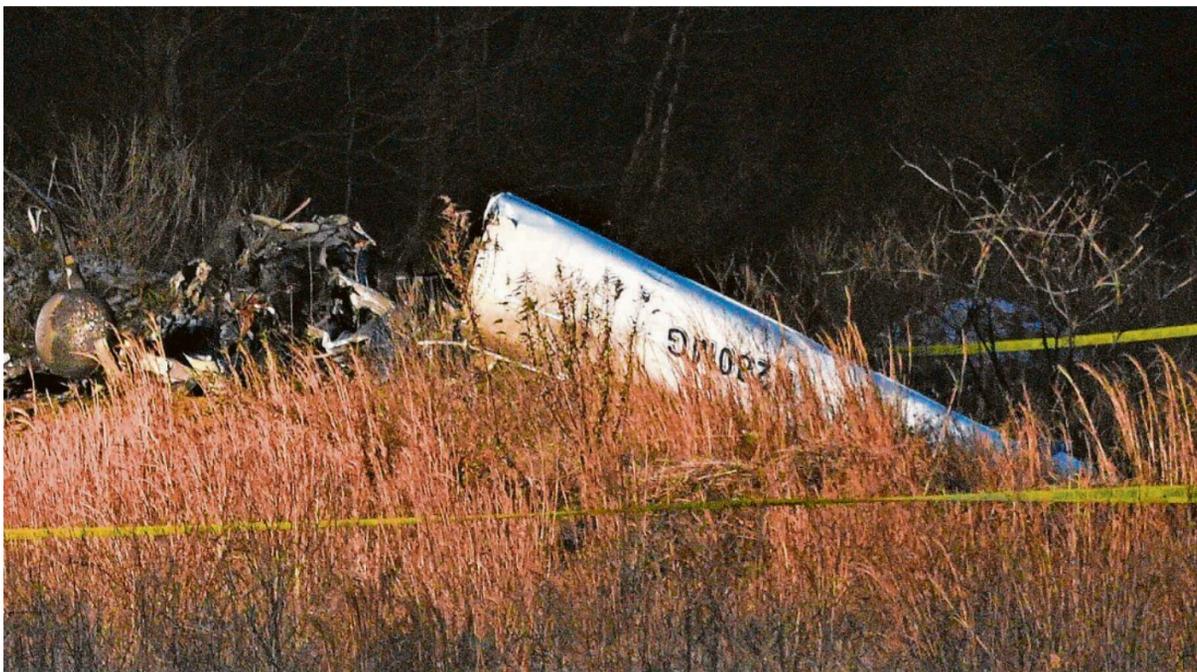
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The charred wreckage of a helicopter lies upside down in a field after colliding with another helicopter over Hammonton on Dec. 28, 2025. JIM WALSH/COURIER-POST

Crash in Hammonton

NTSB provides details on deadly helicopter collision

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Two helicopters were flying "in close proximity to each other" before a deadly mid-air collision over Hammonton last month, according to National Transportation Safety Board officials.

The Dec. 28 crash killed a pair of private pilots: 71-year-old Michael "Mitch" Greenberg of Sewell and 65-year-old Kenneth Kirsch of Carneys Point.

They were making a return flight from Hammonton Municipal Airport to Vineland Downtown Airport when the collision occurred at approximately 11:25 a.m., NTSB officials said in a preliminary report.

Greenberg and Kirsch had previously flown to Hammonton at approximately 9:50 a.m., when they reportedly met for breakfast at an airport cafe.

Surveillance video of the return trip showed the helicopters "slightly staggered from one another and flying on a similar heading, similar to a formation flight," said the preliminary report. "As the flight continued, the helicopters con-

Both aircraft went down on the edge of a farm field adjacent to a wooded area off the 100 block of Basin Road.

up sharply before leveling out. Shortly after, the helicopter began yawing in a clockwise direction and descended rapidly until it exited the video frame."

A debris path from the collision was approximately 1,200 feet long.

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verged until they contacted each other."

Investigators found an impact mark on the main rotor of Kirsch's helicopter "with paint transfer of a color consistent with the tail rotor blade" of Greenberg's aircraft, the report added.

One helicopter "began a tumbling descent toward terrain before exiting the frame of the video," the report added. "The other helicopter pitched

MLK Day services planned

Events set up around South Jersey to honor civil rights activist

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a federally recognized holiday and is observed each year on the third Monday in January.

In honor of the slain civil rights activist and preacher, many around the country celebrate by treating it as a national day of service.

Here are some events around South Jersey.



MLK Day of Service, Westampton - Jan. 17

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. there's to be hands-on service projects benefiting community members. This one has been organized by members of Burlington 4-H Leaders Council Inc.

Go: Two Academy Drive; see the group's Facebook page for more details.

City of Bridgeton Martin Luther King Jr. Day Cleanup, Bridgeton - Jan. 17

Members of the American Littoral Society are organizing the event, which is a cleanup of a wooded area along Pamphylia Avenue. The time is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Go: 1 Martin Luther King Jr Way; see the organization's Facebook page for more info.

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Drug ring, murder investigations send 3 men to prison

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Two admitted leaders of a drug ring that operated in Atlantic County from 2016-2020 have started state prison terms ranging from 15-30 years, according to the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office.

A Jan. 8 office announcement also stated that prison terms were handed

down for members of the ring regarding two homicides.

The victims were a father and son, killed in separate attacks in 2016 and 2019.

The sentencings took place Jan. 7 in county Superior Court and were based on previously entered guilty pleas. More codefendants will be sentenced later in January, the office said.

The defendants sentenced last week were 31-year-old Steven Martinez of Egg

Harbor City, an admitted ring leader; 36-year-old Shiraz Khan of Bergen County, also an admitted leader of the ring; and 28-year-old Deshawn Hose of Atlantic City, a ring member but not a leader.

The murder victims were Atlantic City residents Demond Tally, 45, and his son, Demond Cottman, 21. Martinez and Hose were sentenced were sentenced in connection to those deaths.

Khan, however, is not believed to be involved with either killing.

Cottman was shot numerous times in the parking lot of the Hamilton Mall. The shooting happened shortly after 1 a.m. on Black Friday, Nov. 25, 2016.

His father was shot numerous times while outside his residence Feb. 10, 2019. The investigation into Tally's murder led to information about the death of his son, according to the Prosecutor's Office.

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