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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SD Guard helicopter involved in accident

WINNER, S.D. – A South Dakota Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter was involved in an accident Sunday, Dec. 16, at approximately 4:20 p.m. (CST) at the Winner Regional Airport.

The accident occurred when the helicopter's main rotor system struck an airport hangar while taxiing. A four-man crew and one passenger were aboard the aircraft at the time.

No injuries or fatalities occurred as a result of the accident. The aircraft did sustain damage to its rotor and fuselage. The Winner Police Department and local emergency management personnel responded to the scene.

The crew of the aircraft was returning to Rapid City from Brookings after a routine training mission in the area over the weekend. The aircraft had stopped in Winner to refuel. The helicopter and its crew are based out of the Army Aviation Support Facility in Rapid City.

The accident is currently under investigation.

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