COPTER PILOT GETS 90-DAY SUSPENSION IN ‘MAGNUM’ CRASH

The National Transportation Safety Board has upheld a Honolulu law judge’s decision to suspend for 90 days the pilot’s license of a “Magnum P.I.” helicopter pilot who crashed his chopper into the seas off of Hawaii in 1980.

The pilot, Robert Sanders, survived the Nov. 19, 1980 crash, but stuntman/passenger Robert Vanderkar, who was doubling for “Magnum” star Tom Selleck, was killed.

The Federal Aviation Administration ordered Sanders’ license suspended for 270 days back in 1981 on grounds that he was allegedly flying his helicopter too close to the water and in a “careless” manner.

Sanders appealed the 270-day suspension to a NTSB hearing judge in Honolulu, who reduced the suspension to 90 days.

Sanders next appealed the 90-day suspension to the NTSB in Washington, which yesterday upheld the suspension.