

# 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.

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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. *(file)*

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

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