

Wild Copter

Pilot Loses

His License

Washington

Army Private First Class Robert Kenneth Preston, who landed a military helicopter on the White House lawn a week ago after leading law officers on a two-hour air chase, lost his pilot's license yesterday.

The Federal Aviation Administration said it revoked Preston's license because of numerous violations of FAA regulations.

It said those included reckless operation of an aircraft, buzzing police vehicles, operating within 500 feet of the capitol building, hovering less than 25 feet from federal office buildings and landing on the White House lawn.

Preston was captured after White House police riddled the Army helicopter he was flying with bullets from automatic weapons as it came down on the White House lawn. He is undergoing psychiatric examinations.

The helicopter mechanic held a private pilot certificate with an airplane single-engine land rating, the FAA said.

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