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Subject: Memorandum for the Record CEN24LA135
Summary of Telephone Call with Pilot

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In a telephone conversation with the NTSB IIC, the pilot reported the following information:

The helicopter was parked near another helicopter and about 30-feet from a hangar building.

The owner asked the pilot to reposition the helicopter. The pilot stated that the owner had flown the helicopter that morning, and the helicopter did not have any mechanical problems.

The pilot said that he lost directional control during takeoff. The pilot eased up on the collective for takeoff. As the skids were light, the helicopter began to spin to the left. He applied right pedal to correct while pulling up on the collective. Once the skids were off the ground, the helicopter spun harder to the left. The pilot could not stop the spin, and the helicopter rolled onto its left side.

The pilot stated that his total flight time was about 125 hours, all of which were in the Robinson R-44 and accumulated 35 hours in the last 90 days, and 15 in the last 30 days.

He stated that he should have lowered the collective when the helicopter started to spin.