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**Subject:** ERA22LA374, Pilot Interview

**Contact:** John Russell, Pilot

Mr. Russell was contacted by phone on April 19, 2023, to discuss the accident of N33EV which occurred in Westfield, MA. He was thanked for his patience with the investigation and the following was discussed.

- What was the airplane registration number, make, and model?
  - N33EV, Van's Aircraft, RV-12 a 2010 amateur-built kit plane.
- What was the maximum gross weight?
  - 1320 lbs.
- Do you recall the kind of engine?
  - A carbureted Rotax 912ULS, 100 HP with 416 hours
- Do you remember the time an inspection was done of the airplane?
  - August of 2021, at the time of the accident the airplane had 416 hours.
- Do you recall any information about the propeller?
  - Sensenich ground adjustable propeller.

- Was there an ELT installed?
  - Yes.
- Did the ELT activate?
  - No
- Was there any other additional equipment aboard the airplane?
  - ADS-B, Auto-pilot, and a GPS
- What was the purpose of the flight?
  - A part 91 personal flight.
- What were the conditions of the paved surfaces at the time?
  - Dry.
- What is your city of residence?
  - Hatfield, MA
- Which seat were you in and were you wearing a seatbelt?
  - Left seat, was wearing a 4-point harness.
- Was the harness equipped with inflatable restraints?
  - No.
- What pilot certificates did you hold?
  - Private with an Airplane single engine land and instrument rating.
- Did you have a medical at the time?
  - No, operating under Basic Med.
- When was your last flight review?
  - December of 2020.

- What was your total time flying?
  - 1022 hours.
- How much time did you have in the RV-12?
  - 416 hours.
- Did you check the weather before the flight?
  - Yes, with Foreflight.
- Was there any fire or explosion?
  - No.
- Could you describe the damage to the airplane?
  - The right wing was damaged.
- Could you describe what happened?
  - While on taxiway A holding short of runway 2, was issued takeoff clearance and when adding power lost control of the airplane which exited the taxiway. The right wing then struck a sign and was damaged so called ATC and taxied back to the hangar.
- Was there any mechanical failure or malfunction?
  - No.
- How much fuel did you have aboard?
  - 20 gallons

Mr. Russell was thanked for his time and help with the investigation.