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Subject: ERA24LA042, Pilot Statement

Contact: Harry Richardson, Pilot

During a telephone conversation with the pilot, he reported that he had just finished an hour flight and landed on Runway 027 at the Ogdensburg International Airport and decided to do some maneuvers. He said he flew over to the taxiway and did some slope landings. Then took off on and did a pattern before landing again to do some quick stops. He departed again and flew offsite and did a couple of confined landings. He flew back to the airport, stopped, and hovered on the taxiway for a couple of minutes. As he flew back towards the hangar the helicopter yawed to the right very hard. He said he could not stop the yaw in time with the left pedal, and the helicopter was about a foot off the taxiway surface when the skid touched the ground. He said once the skid touched the ground, he was unable to regain control of the helicopter. He said if the helicopter was higher, he may have had more time to react and maybe recover. The pilot did not report any anomalies with the helicopter and said he kept up on the maintenance of his helicopter.