



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: 1/13/2026
Subject: Interview Pilot Mark Bolick
NTSB Case Number: ERA26LA092

Mr. Mark Bolick was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Bolick stated that during takeoff he perceived the engine RPM was a little high and intended to retard the throttle but inadvertently pulled the fuel mixture control back and the engine lost all power. The airplane was only 300 feet off the ground and approaching a tree line, so he initiated a right turn back towards the airport and decided to land in an open field. During the landing roll in the field, the airplane contacted a rut and the nose landing gear collapsed and the airplane flipped over. The rudder, firewall and wing struts all sustained substantial damage. The pilot reported that there were no pre-accident mechanical malfunctions or anomalies to the airplane that would have prevented normal operation.

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