



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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National Transportation Safety Board
Office of Aviation Safety – Western Pacific Region

NTSB Accident Number: WPR20LA310
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N250LB; Vans RV-4
Accident Location: Clovis, New Mexico
Accident Date: September 19, 2020

Note: The following interview was documented by the Investigator –In-Charge (IIC), Stephen Stein.

Interview #1 Summary

Larry Bishop
Accident Pilot

Interview Date & Time; October 6, 2020; 1243 PT

According to the pilot, the accident was the result of “pilot error, distraction, and nothing wrong with the aircraft.” During his takeoff roll he received a phonecall from his boss that dropped. Approximately 10 seconds later and during the initial climb phase of the flight, he received another call and looked down at the phone, which was on the floor near the right side of the cockpit. During this time he was attempting to turn left. He depressed a button to connect the phone to his headset, but when he looked outside the cockpit he noticed the airplane was inverted. The pilot quickly rolled the airplane into an upright, level attitude just before the wheels impacted the ground. He could not recall any further events.

The pilot reported no preimpact mechanical anomalies that could have precluded normal operation.