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Subject: WPR26LA199

Contact: [REDACTED] / Pilot

During a conversation with the pilot, he stated that when he picked the helicopter up to a hover the engine RPM was about 104%. He reached over to decrease the RPM and the helicopter pitched up, moved backward and lost altitude. He remembered making a collective adjustment to stop the decent, impacting the ground and spinning but could not recall any other details.

The pilot stated that there were no preaccident mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

The narrative was reviewed with the pilot, who agreed with the narrative.