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The following is a synopsis of the information provided by [REDACTED] in an email exchange.

In response to the accident involving Cessna 140, N4179N, [REDACTED] arrived at Tri-Cities Airport (PSC), Pasco, Washington, at about 2056 PDT on May 31, 2026, where he met with the pilot and passenger involved in the accident.

The passenger reported that they were approaching to land at the airport runway and it was smooth. The pilot had requested a long landing. There was no unusual shaking or loss of control during the approach. The airplane leveled out as they prepared to land. Once the wheels touched the ground, the tail came up and the airplane flipped forward. The passenger stated that the sequence happened very fast and believed that the aircraft skidded after the wheels made contact with the runway surface. The passenger and pilot exited the aircraft while it was inverted on the runway.

The pilot reported that the approach to land was normal considering that he was performing a long landing to reduce taxi time to the executive hangars. The airplane touched down with a small bounce, which he described as nothing abnormal. The pilot stated that he believes that he may have applied the brakes too hard, which caused the airplane to nose over.