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Date: 03/02/2022 @ 1010 local
Person Contacted: Pilot; Checo Manuel @ [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22LA135

RE: Phone call with pilot discussing the circumstances surrounding the accident.

Narrative:

Pilot stated the winds were likely higher than reported. He thinks they were gusting to about 20 knots or more. The helicopter platform was a moving dolly type. As he came in after hover and attempted to land, the gusty winds hit the helicopter, causing it to tilt left. The left skid contacted the platform and caused the helicopter to tilt right. He attempted to remove some collective, but the helicopter rapidly rolled to the right (dynamic rollover) and struck the pavement. He reported no mechanical malfunctions or failures that would have precluded normal operation.

He requested the accident report that the company sent on his behalf because he was terminated and lost his access to email and his files. Sent him an email with the attached 6120 accident report while still on the phone.

Briefly discussed the NTSB process.

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