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Contact: Pete Broussard, airstrip owner and friend of the pilot

The following is a summary of a phone conversation with Mr. Broussard:

The accident pilot kept his airplane at his airstrip. They both had the same engine in their airplanes, so they talked about their airplanes together frequently. He did not know of any mechanical issues with the pilot's airplane, and it appeared to be in good working order. The pilot would have told him if there were any current issues or maintenance discrepancies.

There are some high power lines at the end of his airstrip and they can usually fly over them, but they sometimes fly under if necessary. There is enough room to fly underneath with no issue.

He asked the pilot about his airplane's weight before the pilot and his grandson departed. The pilot said his grandson was "a big boy." The pilot also told him that the fuel tanks were full, which Mr. Broussard thought was not good given the weights of the pilot and passenger. He believed the airplane was probably overweight during the accident flight.

He observed the airplane flying low under the powerlines but did not see the crash. He wondered why they were flying so low.

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