

Conducted a telephone interview on 09/30/2022 with Mr. James R. McElvain (CFI – 2802591). Mr. McElvain stated he was the accident airman's Certified Flight Instructor from December 2020 to November 2021. Mr. McElvain was identified as the accident airman's authorized flight instructor on FAA Form 8710-1 (Airman Certificate Application) dated 12/15/2020. Mr. McElvain stated that the accident airman received about 20 hours of dual flight instruction given from him in the accident airman's personal Cessna 182 (N6862M), but stopped flying with the accident airman when the airman was unable to obtain an Airman Medical Certificate after the airman's application was denied by the FAA.

Mr. McElvain stated that the accident airman seemed to fly well, but described the airman as anti-authority and impulsive with tendencies of pushing the aircraft he was flying to fly fast with higher than normal power settings. Mr. McElvain stated his last flight with the accident airman was on 11/3/2021 in the accident aircraft PA-46-310P (N43605) prior to the aircraft purchase by the accident airman on 01/03/2022.

Mr. McElvain stated the accident airman continued to fly with an unknown (non-CFI) commercial pilot, but stated there were local rumors he would fly the Cessna 182 solo on occasion. Mr. McElvain stated he was not aware of the accident airman's solo flying when he was his CFI. Mr. McElvain further stated accident airman was personable and never appeared to be impaired when they flew.

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