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Contact: Sean Campagnolo, friend/student pilot

The following is a synopsis of a phone conversation with Sean Campagnolo:

Mr. Campagnolo spoke with Blake Broadbent about 0823 on the morning of 4/13/24. They spoke for 30-45 minutes while Blake was waiting for Mr. Little (flight instructor for recurrent training) to arrive for their final day of flying together.

He stated that Blake was a nice person, always trying to help everyone out, such as dropping off Mr. Little at the Stockton Airport later that day, rather than having him pay for an airline ticket home. Sean had been planning to ride along on the flight home from Stockton, but had other obligations come up which prevented him from being able to go at that time.

Blake had been flying a lot and had been thinking about his future in aviation. He described Blake as a competent, capable pilot who "knew his stuff." He was comfortable with flying and the airplanes he flew, but not "cocky."

When I asked him how Blake sounded, the morning of the 13th, he said that Blake sounded excited, but tired. That Blake had been spending "long days working on the plane and doing his familiarization flights." Mr. Campagnolo expressed his thoughts about the weather and conditions that Blake had flown in on the night of the accident, saying that Blake had flown in icing conditions before and that he did not think that (according to ATC recordings) he sounded lost or confused in the weather, but that he thinks he "just hit the point in the day where he was like: go home leg, looking forward to getting home and being able to relax." He felt that the terrain, weather,

time of day, and sounding tired were the perfect recipe for the accident that occurred.

He mentioned Blake talking about the twin commander having issues with "hot starts" but not knowing whether that could have had something to do with this accident and reiterated that Blake had been well trained, having attended ATP Flight School, in the past.

I thanked him for speaking with me and the information about his conversation with Blake on 4/13.