



## INTERVIEW SUMMARY

**Elliott Simpson**  
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**Interview Date: April 5, 2022**  
**Person Contacted: Taylor East**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR22LA143**

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### **Narrative:**

During a telephone conversation Mr. East stated the following:

- He was at the controls of a light piston aircraft on the day of the accident.
- At the time of the event he was on heading Taxiway A, and had just crossed taxiway D, with the accident C172 just in front of him and close to taxiway C.
- He could see a Challenger holding short of Runway 16R on taxiway C.
- The C172 was about 2 wing spans directly behind the Challenger, and in line with its jet thrust vector.
- He stated that the spacing seemed "adequate" compared to how he has seen aircraft spacing in the past.
- The Challenger began to roll onto the runway, and the Cessna left wing dipped, and the airplane rapidly slid about 20 ft to the left, striking its left wing on the ground.