



## **ACCIDENT SUMMARY**

**New York, NY**

**HWY-11-MH-005**  
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**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20594**

**Accident Summary**

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**A. ACCIDENT**

**Type:** Motorcoach Run-Off the Road and Collision With Bridge Signpost  
**Date and Time:** March 12, 2011, 5:38AM. EST  
**Location:** Interstate 95 Southbound, Mile Marker 3.2  
New York, Bronx County, New York  
**Vehicle #1:** 1999 Prevost 56-passenger motorcoach  
**Motor Carrier:** World Wide Travel of Greater New York  
**Fatalities:** 15  
**Injuries:** 18

**NTSB #:** HWY-11-MH-005

**B. ACCIDENT SUMMARY**

On March 12, 2011, at about 5:38 a.m., a 1999 Prevost 56-passenger motorcoach, operated by World Wide Travel of Greater New York, headquartered in Brooklyn, New York, was traveling southbound on Interstate 95 near New York, New York. The motorcoach, en route from the Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Connecticut, to New York City, was carrying 32 passengers. While in the vicinity of mile marker 3.2, the motorcoach departed from the travel lanes to the right, driving over the rumble strips on the right shoulder edge. The motorcoach then crossed over the 10-foot-wide paved shoulder and struck a strong-post W-beam guardrail, traveling about 480 feet alongside and on the guardrail, before finally overturning 90° onto its right side and flattening the guardrail.

The front of the vehicle subsequently collided with an overhead highway sign support structure consisting of two vertical 8-inch-diameter steel tubular poles linked by cross-beam diagonal metal supports. The vehicle's front roof also collided with a steel electrical box mounted to the highway sign support structure. After the motorcoach struck this support structure and steel electrical box at the motorcoach windshield, the two poles making up the structure entered the passenger compartment along the base of the passenger windows as the motorcoach slid forward. The impact resulted in the vehicle's roof panel being torn from the bus body for almost the entire length of the bus.

As a result of this accident, 15 passengers were killed, 17 passengers received serious to minor injuries, and the bus driver received minor injuries.

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