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CRASH INFORMATION AND SUMMARY REPORT

Highland, IL

A. CRASH INFORMATION

Location: Highland, Madison County, Illinois

Date: July 12, 2023

Time: 1:48 a.m. CDT

Vehicle 1: 2014 Prevost 50-passenger motorcoach

Operator 1: Greyhound Lines, Inc.

Vehicle 2: 2019 Freightliner truck-tractor in combination with a 2024 Vanguard semi-trailer

Operator 2: MZ Cargo, Inc.

Vehicle 3: 2000 Kenworth truck-tractor in combination with a 2007 Benson semi-trailer

Operator 3: Richard Wolfe Trucking, Inc.

Vehicle 4: 2023 Mack truck-tractor in combination with a 2019 Great Dane semi-trailer

Operator 4: Robert Branum Trucking, LP.

B. CRASH SUMMARY

On Wednesday, July 12, 2023, about 1:48 a.m. central daylight time, a 2014 Prevost 50-passenger motorcoach (motorcoach) operated by Greyhound Lines, Inc. was traveling west on Interstate 70 (I-70) near Highland, Madison County, Illinois. As the motorcoach, occupied by the driver and 20 passengers, approached the westbound Silver Lake rest area near mile marker 27.4, the motorcoach departed I-70 onto the rest area exit ramp where it struck three truck-tractor semi-trailer combination units (tractor-trailers) which had been parked on the ramp's right shoulder. At this location I-70 is comprised of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction with the eastbound and westbound lanes separated by a depressed earthen median. The posted speed limit on I-70 is 70 miles per hour (mph), and the exit ramp was posted with an advisory speed limit of 40 mph.

The motorcoach was on a scheduled route (route number 1675) from Indianapolis, Indiana to St. Louis, Missouri. As a result of the crash, three (3) motorcoach passengers were fatally injured. The driver and remaining motorcoach passengers sustained injuries ranging from minor to severe. The three tractor-trailer drivers were uninjured.