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**Big Spring, Texas
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Crash Information

Location: Interstate 20 (I-20) eastbound, near mile marker 179

Vehicle 1: 2016 Ford F-350 (truck)
Operator: 59-year-old male (fatal)

Vehicle 2: 2005 MCI motorcoach (motorcoach)
Operator: 69-year-old male (fatal)
Carrier: Andrews Independent School District

Vehicle 3: 2018 Freightliner bus
Operator: 60-year-old male (uninjured)
Carrier: Andrews Independent School District

Date: November 19, 2021
Time: About 4:01 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST)

Crash Summary

On Friday, November 19, 2021, about 4:01 p.m. central standard time, a multi-vehicle crash occurred in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 20 near Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. A 2016 truck traveling the wrong-way (westbound) in the eastbound lanes near mile marker 179 struck an eastbound motorcoach nearly head-on. The truck came to rest in the right lane of eastbound I-20 and was destroyed in a post-crash fire. As a result of the collision, the sole occupant of the truck, the 59-year-old driver, was killed. The motorcoach was the lead vehicle in a caravan

of 3 commercial passenger vehicles owned and operated by the Andrews Independent School District and had been traveling to a high school football game in a neighboring town. After the collision, the motorcoach traveled into the median and contacted the cable barrier before coming to rest. The 69-year-old driver of the motorcoach and an adult occupant were killed, 1 adult and 36 students sustained various injuries, and 1 student was uninjured.

After the initial impact with the motorcoach, the truck was pushed backwards and sideswiped the second vehicle in the caravan, a 2018 Freightliner bus, which sustained minor damage. The driver of the bus made a controlled stop into the right shoulder of the interstate. Thirteen of the 31 passengers in the bus were injured and the 60-year-old driver was uninjured. The third Andrews Independent School District commercial passenger vehicle in the caravan was not involved in the crash.

In the crash location, I-20 consisted of two travel lanes in each direction, which were separated by a median and a cable barrier. Posted speed limit is 75 mph. The crash occurred during daylight hours, the conditions (road and weather) were dry.