

# NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY WASHINGTON, D.C.

## Williamsburg, Virginia HWY23MH004

### **Crash Information and Summary**

#### A. CRASH INFORMATION

**Location:** Interstate 64 (I-64) Eastbound, Williamsburg, York County, Virginia

**Vehicle #1:** 2000 Eldorado, 2-axle bus

**Operator:** Privately owned

**Vehicle #2:** 2022 Freightliner Cascadia truck-tractor in combination with a 2020 Great

Dane dry van semi-trailer.

**Operator:** Triton Logistics Incorporated

# **Crash Summary**

About 1:38 a.m. eastern standard time on Friday, December 16, 2022, a 2000 Eldorado medium-size bus (bus) was traveling in the eastbound far-right lane on Interstate 64 (I-64) near Williamsburg, York County, Virginia. The bus was privately owned by the principal operator of Futrell's Party Adventures and was occupied by the driver and about 23 passengers. The bus was advertised as a "party bus" and featured limousine-style seating (perimeter bench seats, so that the passengers face each other). At the same time, a 2022 Freightliner Cascadia truck-tractor in combination with a Great Dane van-style semitrailer (combination vehicle), operated by Triton

Logistics Inc., was also traveling in the eastbound far-right lane on I-64 behind the bus. While in the vicinity of mile marker 240, the combination vehicle approached the bus at a higher speed and collided with the rear of the bus. As a result of the crash, the body of the bus's passenger compartment was destroyed and multiple passengers on the bus were ejected. Three of the passengers were fatally injured. Both vehicle operators survived the crash, and the remaining passengers were treated for various injuries.