

# National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Highway Safety

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## CRASH SUMMARY AND INFORMATION REPORT

Millersburg, OR

**A. CRASH INFORMATION**

Location: Interstate 5 North of Millersburg, Marion County Oregon

Date: May 18, 2023

Time 2:05 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time

**Crash Involved Vehicles:**

Vehicle 1: 2018 Freightliner Cascadia in combination with a 2015 Utility soft-sided semi-trailer.

Operator 1: Waypoint Logistics.

Vehicle 2: 2001 Ford E-350 Van towing a small utility trailer.

Operator 2: J. Ruiz Farm Labor Contractors.

Vehicle 3: 2024 Freightliner Cascadia in combination with a 2024 Utility enclosed semi-trailer.

Operator 3: C.R.England

**B. CRASH SUMMARY**

On Thursday, May 18, 2023, about 2:05 p.m. Pacific daylight time, a 2018 Freightliner truck-tractor in combination with a 2015 Utility soft-sided semitrailer, operated by Waypoint Logistics, was traveling northbound on Interstate 5 (I-5) north of Millersburg, Marion County, Oregon. A 2001 Ford E-350 van towing a small utility trailer, operated by J. Ruiz Farm Labor Contractors, was parked on the 25-foot-wide right shoulder north of the highway exit ramp leading to the North Santiam rest area. A 2024 Freightliner Cascadia truck-tractor in combination with a 2024 Utility enclosed semitrailer, operated by C.R. England, was also parked on the right northbound shoulder of I-5 in front of the van. The 2018 Freightliner departed the highway travel lanes while approaching the location of the stopped vehicles and collided with the rear of the van and its trailer. The van was subsequently pushed forward into the rear of the 2024 combination vehicle.

As a result of the crash, seven van occupants were fatally injured, three were seriously injured. The driver of the van was not in the vehicle at the time of the crash and was uninjured. The driver of the 2018 Freightliner had minor injuries. The driver of the 2024 Freightliner was uninjured.

At the crash location, I-5 comprises two travel lanes in each direction with the north and southbound lanes separated by an earthen median and a median guardrail barrier. The speed limit is 65 mph with a reduced speed limit of 60 mph for trucks. At the site of the crash, the highway was straight and level. At the time of the crash, the weather was clear, and the roadway surface was dry.