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**Greenville, Alabama
HWY21MH009**

CRASH INFORMATION

Location: Interstate 65 (I-65) northbound, mile marker 138.18, near Greenville, Butler County, Alabama

Vehicle 1: 2020 Volvo VAH truck-tractor in combination with a 2020 Cottrell auto transporter semitrailer

Operator: 57-year-old male

Carrier: Hansen & Adkins Auto Transporter, Inc.

Vehicle 2: 2020 Ford Explorer

Operator: 26-year-old female

Occupants: 29-year-old male
5-year-old male
9-month-old female

Vehicle 3: 2017 Ford F-350 Transit Van

Operator: 40-year-old female

Occupants: 15-year-old female
3-year-old male
12-year-old male
14-year-old female
8-year-old male

16-year-old female

17-year-old female

16-year-old female

Vehicle 4: 2005 Freightliner CST120 truck-tractor in combination with a 2009 Wabash National Corporation van semitrailer

Operator: 41-year-old male

Carrier: Asmat Investment LLC

Vehicle 5: 2016 Ram 1500

Operator: 61-year-old male

Occupants: 66-year-old female

Vehicle 6: 2017 VW Passat

Operator: 53-year-old male

Vehicle 7: 2021 Chrysler Pacifica

Operator: 48-year-old male

Occupants: 41-year-old female

15-year-old female

15-year-old female

4-year-old male

Vehicle 8: 2020 Acura TLX

Operator: 38-year-old female

Occupants: 42-year-old female

Vehicle 9: 2017 Buick Lacrosse

Operator: 41-year-old female

Occupants: 66-year-old female

Vehicle 10: 2017 Kia Sedona

Operator: 37-year-old male

Occupants: 35-year-old female
61-year-old female
4-year-old male
6-year-old male

Vehicle 11: 2017 Toyota Camry
Operator: 43-year-old male

Vehicle 12: 2019 Ford F-150 King Ranch Crew Cab
Operator: 44-year-old male
Occupants: 42-year-old female
13-year-old male
15-year-old male

Date: June 19, 2021
Time: About 2:21 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT)

CRASH SUMMARY

On Saturday, June 19, 2021, about 2:21 p.m. central daylight time, a 2020 Volvo truck-tractor in combination with an empty 2020 Cottrell auto transporter semitrailer (CMV-1), operated by Hansen & Adkins Auto Transporter was traveling north in the right lane of Interstate 65 (I-65) near Greenville, in Butler County, Alabama. As CMV-1 approached the bridge over Pigeon Creek near milepost 138 it encountered a traffic queue that had formed due to a series of minor crashes. Ahead of CMV-1 was a 2020 Ford Explorer (SUV), occupied by a driver and three passengers, that was also traveling northbound and collided with a 2020 Acura TLX at the end of the queue. Immediately following that collision CMV-1 struck the SUV, veered to the left, and struck a 2017 Volkswagen Passat, forcing it into other vehicles in the queue. CMV-1 continued into the median beyond the north end of the bridge, coming to rest with a portion of its semitrailer in the roadway. During the series of collisions beginning with the impact between CMV-1 and the SUV, a Ford F350 transit van (van) occupied by a driver and nine passengers was struck by another vehicle and also came to rest in the median.

Following this series of collisions, a 2005 Freightliner truck-tractor in combination with a 2009 Wabash van semitrailer (CMV-2), operated by Asmat Express, was northbound in the left lane when it came upon the vehicles from the previous crashes. In an attempt to avoid crashing into the stopped vehicles, the driver steered left causing CMV-2 to mount the left bridge curb, enter the median north of the bridge, and strike the stopped vehicles in the median, including the van. The van came to rest facing south, between CMV-1 and CMV-2. As a result of multiple impacts, a post-collision fire ensued that consumed both combination units, the van, and three

other vehicles. In total, 12 vehicles and 37 vehicle occupants were involved in this crash event.¹ Of the 37 occupants, 10 died, 19 sustained injuries of varying degree, and 8 were not injured.

¹ Additional vehicles beyond those described in this crash summary were involved in a series of crashes at the location. The NTSB investigation focused on the portion of the crash sequence that resulted in injury, death, and the post-crash fire. As a result, some vehicles and occupants were not examined by the NTSB and are excluded from the count of vehicles and occupants.