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On Saturday, February 22, 2020, about 10:23 a.m., pacific standard time, a 2014 Freightliner chassis with a General Coach America 30-passenger coach body (hereafter the bus) was traveling southbound on Interstate Highway 15 (I-15) in Pala Mesa, San Diego County, California. The bus was operated by Executive Lines, Inc. and was occupied by the driver and 20 passengers. As the bus completed crossing the bridge over the San Luis Rey river, it departed the roadway to the west, overturned, and slid down an embankment, coming to rest on its roof.

In the area of this crash, southbound I-15 is an eight-lane divided highway with the northbound and southbound lanes separated by an approximately 70-foot depressed earthen median and median barrier. The southbound travel lanes were separated by broken white pavement lines and raised reflective markers. The west edge of the roadway is bordered by a solid white pavement line. The posted maximum speed limit is 70 mph. In the area of the San Luis Rey river bridge, I-15 southbound gradually ascends and curves slightly to the left. At the time of the crash, it was raining, and the road surface was wet.

During the crash sequence, five passengers were ejected from the bus. The crash resulted in fatal injuries to three passengers and injuries ranging from serious to minor to 17 passengers and the driver.