



**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
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**SCHOHARIE, NY
CRASH SUMMARY REPORT**

A. CRASH INFORMATION

Location: Intersection of State Route 30A and State Route 30, near Schoharie, Schoharie County, New York

Vehicle 1: 2001 Ford Excursion "Stretch" Limousine

Operator 1: Prestige Limousine Chauffeur Service

Vehicle 2: 2015 Toyota Highlander

Operator 2: Private citizen

Date: October 6, 2018

Time: Approximately 1:55 p.m. EDT

NTSB #: **HWY19MH001**

B. CRASH SUMMARY

About 1:55 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Saturday, October 06, 2018, a 2001 Ford Excursion stretch limousine, operated by Prestige Limousine was traveling southbound on State Route 30 (SR-30) approaching a T-intersection at State Route 30A (SR-30A) in Schoharie, Schoharie County, New York. The limousine was occupied by a 53-year-old driver and 17 passengers. The limousine had been rented for a private party and was transporting the passengers from Amsterdam, NY to Cooperstown, NY. The T-intersection is controlled by a stop sign for SR-30, and the posted speed limit is 55 mph. According to a witness stopped at the intersection, the limousine was traveling at a high rate of speed as it crossed SR-30A and entered a restaurant parking lot located on the south side of the intersection. The limousine collided with a 2015 Toyota Highlander sport utility vehicle (SUV) parked in the parking lot. At the time of the impact, three people were approaching the SUV, and the limousine's impact with the SUV caused the SUV to subsequently strike and kill two of the approaching pedestrians. The limousine continued across the parking lot and went into a ravine, where it collided with the earthen embankment on the far side and came to rest.

As a result of the crash, 20 people were killed including the two pedestrians that were in the parking lot and all 18 of the limousine occupants.