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Addendum to Medical Factual Report

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A. ACCIDENT: HWY20MH002: Mt Pleasant TWP, PA

Location: Interstate 70/76 (I-70/76), Pennsylvania Turnpike at mile-marker 86.1 westbound, Mount Pleasant Township, in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

Vehicle #1: 2005 Van Hool 57-passenger motorcoach C2045

Operator #1: 58-year-old male (fatally injured)

Occupants: 59 passengers
(2 fatalities, 57 various injuries)

Carrier: Z&D Tour Inc., Rockaway, NJ

Vehicle #2: 2018 Freightliner Cascadia truck-tractor towing a 2019, 53-foot Hyundai Translead semitrailer

Operator #2: 35-year-old male (not injured)

Passenger: 35-year-old-male (minor injury)

Carrier: Fed Ex Ground, Moon Township, PA

Vehicle #3: 2018 Freightliner Cascadia truck-tractor towing a 2018, 53-foot Stoughton semitrailer

Operator #3: 53-year-old male (fatally injured)
Passenger: 48-year-old male (fatally injured)
Carrier: United Parcel Service, Harrisburg, PA
Vehicle #4: 2007 Mercedes Benz C280 sedan
Operator #4: 46-year-old male (not injured)
Passenger: 20-year-old-male (not injured)
Passenger: 20-year-old-male (not injured)
Vehicle #5: 2018 Freightliner Cascadia truck-tractor towing a 2020,
28.5-foot Stoughton semitrailer
Operator #5: 62-year-old male (not injured)
Passenger: 41-year-old male (not injured)
Carrier: United Parcel Service, Willow Grove, PA
Date: January 5, 2020
Time: Approximately 3:30 a.m. local time

B. Outcome of Attempts to Identify the Source of Methamphetamine Containing Lab Specimens for UPS Driver #1

Reports of the inconsistency in laboratory results were made to the Westmoreland County Coroner's Office, the individual pathologist and the pathology LLC who performed the autopsy, and the PA Department of Health Bureau of Laboratories. All three carried out internal investigations and then discussed possible sources as a group.

As of August 2021 the investigation had been closed with no explanation for the error identified. While none of the three entities were able to identify the source of the methamphetamine and amphetamine that was identified in the Pennsylvania State Laboratory testing for UPS Driver #1, routine procedures have been implemented so that the Westmoreland County Coroner's Office will have in place either an FTA card or a purple top tube of blood which will be held for a period of time to serve as a source for

DNA testing or additional toxicology testing should such an issue arise in the future. The photograph procedures have also been adjusted to ensure that unique identifiers on samples, such as pre-labeled numbers on blood tubes, are visible in photographs. These measures are expected to prevent a recurrence.