

Incident Number: EH-24-05001

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Police Agency Data	Agency Name EAST HEMPFIELD TWP POLICE					Case Closed YES		Patrol Zone 02		Investigation Date 09/08/2024						
	Dispatch Time 23:34 hrs.		Arrival Time 23:37 hrs.		Investigator SANDMAN, JOSHUA				Badge Number 49							
	Approval Date 11/20/2024				Reviewer SANDMAN, JOSHUA D				Reviewer Badge Number 49							
Crash Data	Date of Crash 09/08/2024		Time of Crash 23:31 hrs.		Day of the Week SUNDAY		Crash Description REAR END				Secondary Crash? NO					
	County LANCASTER					Municipality EAST HEMPFIELD TWP										
	Weather Conditions 1 CLEAR				Weather Conditions 2				Relation to Roadway ON ROADWAY							
	Illumination DARK - NO STREETLIGHTS					Road Surface Conditions DRY										
	# of Units 2	# of People 4	# of Injured 001	# Killed 001	School Bus Related NO			School Zone Related NO			PennDOT Notified NO					
	Type of Intersection MIDBLOCK					Intersection Related? NO		Special Location NOT APPLICABLE								
Work Zone	Work Zone NO		Work Zone Type		Where in Work Zone				Speed Limit		Workers Present		Officer Present		Worker Injured or Killed	
	Worker 1 Unit #	Worker 2 Unit #	Worker 3 Unit #	Worker 4 Unit #	Work Zone Characteristics <input type="checkbox"/> Lane Closure <input type="checkbox"/> Road Closed with Detour <input type="checkbox"/> Work on Shoulder or Median <input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent or Moving Work <input type="checkbox"/> Flagger Control <input type="checkbox"/> Other											
Principal Road	Route Signing STATE HIGHWAY				Route Number 0300		Segment Number 0291		Travel Lanes 02		Speed Limit 65 MPH		Orientation WEST			
	House Number				Street Name PA283 W								St. Ending HIGHWAY			
Intersecting Rd.	Used in Intersection Crashes	Route Signing				Route Number		Segment Number		Travel Lanes		Speed Limit		Orientation		
		Street Name				St. Ending										
Distance From Landmark Used for Mid-Block Crashes	Landmark 1	Route Number 0741		Or Mile Post	Tenths	Or Segment Marker				Ramp Use Only		Feet 01000				
		Street Name ROHRERSTOWN				Street Ending ROAD				Or Miles		Tenths				
	Landmark 2	Route Number 0722		Or Mile Post	Tenths	Or Segment Marker				Ramp Use Only		The above entry is the distance from the Crash Scene to Landmark 1				
		Street Name STATE				Street Ending ROAD										
GPS	Latitude:	Degrees 40	Minutes 04	Seconds 56	Decimal 450	Longitude:	Degrees 76	Minutes 21	Seconds 30	Decimal 830						
TCD	Traffic Control Device NOT APPLICABLE					Traffic Control Functioning NO CONTROLS										
	Lane Closed FULLY		Lane Closure Direction EAST AND WEST				Traffic Detoured YES			Roadway Cleared 06:38 Hrs						
Event Information	Environmental / Roadway Potential Factors (E/R)															
	Factor 1 NONE				Factor 2				Factor 3							
	First Harmful Event in the Crash							Most Harmful Event in the Crash								
	Unit Number 001	Harmful Event HIT UNIT 2						Unit Number 001	Harmful Event HIT UNIT 2							
	Indicated Prime Factor DRIVER ACTION			Unit Number 001	Prime Factor Driver Action AFFECTED BY PHYSICAL CONDITION											
	Prime Factor Environmental/Roadway				Prime Factor Vehicle Failure				Prime Factor Pedestrian Action							
	Road Surface Type CONCRETE						Special Jurisdiction NO SPECIAL JURISDICTION									

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Driver Information	Unit Number 001	Type Unit MOTOR VEHICLE IN TRANSPORT	Commercial Vehicle NO				
	First Name APAR	MI S	Last Name PATEL	Suffix	DOB 12/29/1987	Telephone Number (443) 839-8389	
	Street Address 1574 2ND ST		City DANVILLE		State PA	Zip Code 17821	
	Gender MALE	License Number 35110556	License State PA	Class C	Expiration Date 12/30/2027	Owner/Driver PRIVATE VEHICLE OWNED/LEASED BY DRIVER	
	Driver Presence DRIVER OPERATED VEHICLE		Physical Condition HAD BEEN DRINKING				
	Violation 1					Person Charged	
	Violation 2					Person Charged	
	Violation 3					Person Charged	
	Violation 4					Person Charged	
	Alcohol/Drugs Suspected ALCOHOL		Alcohol Interlock NO	Alcohol Test Type BLOOD		Alcohol Test Results 0.13 %	
Drug Test Type BLOOD		Drug Test Results TESTED, NO DRUGS FOUND/NEGATIVE					
Driver Action AFFECTED BY PHYSICAL CONDITION							
Distracted By Action			Distracted By Source				
1st Harmful Event HIT UNIT 2				Left or Right Side	Most Harmful YES	Utility Pole Number	
2nd Harmful Event HIT CONCRETE TRAFFIC BARRIER				Left or Right Side LEFT SIDE OF ROAD	Most Harmful NO	Utility Pole Number	
3rd Harmful Event				Left or Right Side	Most Harmful	Utility Pole Number	
4th Harmful Event				Left or Right Side	Most Harmful	Utility Pole Number	
Vehicle Information	Owner First Name APAR		Owner MI S	Owner Last Name or Business Name PATEL		Suffix	
	Street Address 1574 2ND ST		City DANVILLE		State PA	Zip Code 17821	Telephone Number (443) 839-8389
	Vehicle Type SUV / CROSSOVER		Vehicle Automation NO AUTOMATION	Special Usage NOT APPLICABLE		Government Equipment Number	
	Model Year 2025	Vehicle Make BMW	Vehicle Model X5	Vehicle Color BLUE	VIN 5UX23EU05S9X78749		
	License Plate MNM0450	Reg. State PA	Est. Speed 999	Vehicle Towed YES	Towed By Patriot/St. Denis Towing		
	Insurance YES	Insurance Company GEICO		Policy Number 8822026940000001		Expiration Date 09/30/2024	
	Direction of Travel WEST	Vehicle Position RIGHT LANE "CURB"		Vehicle Movement GOING STRAIGHT		Initial Impact Point 2 O'CLOCK	
	Damage Indicator DISABLING	Gradient LEVEL	Road Alignment STRAIGHT	Possible Vehicle Failures NONE			
	Type Unit 1		Tag Number	Tag Year	Tag State		
	Unit Make		Unit Owner				
	Type Unit 2		Tag Number	Tag Year	Tag State		
	Unit Make		Unit Owner				
	Type Unit 3		Tag Number	Tag Year	Tag State		
	Unit Make		Unit Owner				
	Motorcycle	Engine Size cc	Passenger?	Saddle Bag/Trunk?	Trailer?	Driver Education?	
Driver Helmet Type		Helmet Stayed On?	DOT/Snell Designation?	Eye Protection?	Long Sleeves?	Long Pants?	Over Ankle Boots?
Passenger Helmet Type		Helmet Stayed On?	DOT/Snell Designation?	Eye Protection?	Long Sleeves?	Long Pants?	Over Ankle Boots?

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Driver Information	Unit Number 002	Type Unit MOTOR VEHICLE IN TRANSPORT	Commercial Vehicle YES		
	First Name *NO GIVEN FIRST NAME	MI	Last Name APINDERPAL SINGH	Suffix	
	DOB 02/03/1997		Telephone Number (209) 750-8432		
	Street Address 2021 GARLAND CT		City CERES	State CA	
	Zip Code 95307				
	Gender MALE	License Number 2097508432	License State CA	Class A	
	Expiration Date 04/22/2026	Owner/Driver PRIVATE VEHICLE NOT OWNED/LEASED BY DRIVER			
	Driver Presence DRIVER OPERATED VEHICLE		Physical Condition APPARENTLY NORMAL		
	Violation 1			Person Charged	
	Violation 2			Person Charged	
	Violation 3			Person Charged	
	Violation 4			Person Charged	
	Alcohol/Drugs Suspected NO		Alcohol Interlock NO	Alcohol Test Type UNKNOWN IF TEST GIVEN	
	Alcohol Test Results				
	Drug Test Type UNKNOWN IF TEST GIVEN		Drug Test Results UNKNOWN IF TESTED FOR DRUGS		
Driver Action NO CONTRIBUTING ACTION					
Distracted By Action		Distracted By Source			
1st Harmful Event STRUCK BY UNIT 1		Left or Right Side	Most Harmful YES		
2nd Harmful Event HIT GUIDE RAIL		Left or Right Side RIGHT SIDE OF ROAD	Most Harmful NO		
3rd Harmful Event		Left or Right Side	Most Harmful		
4th Harmful Event		Left or Right Side	Most Harmful		
Vehicle Information	Owner First Name		Owner MI	Owner Last Name or Business Name PENSKE TRUCK LEASING CO	Suffix
	Street Address 2675 MORGANTOWN RD		City READING	State PA	Zip Code 19607
	Telephone Number (610) 775-6000		Government Equipment Number		
	Vehicle Type LARGE TRUCK		Vehicle Automation NO AUTOMATION	Special Usage NOT APPLICABLE	
	Model Year 2023	Vehicle Make FREIGHTLINER	Vehicle Model CASCADIA	Vehicle Color WHITE	VIN 3AKJHHDV5PSUD6779
	License Plate 3386353	Reg. State IN	Est. Speed 999	Vehicle Towed YES	Towed By Patriot/St. Denis Towing
	Insurance YES	Insurance Company OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY		Policy Number MWTB318098	Expiration Date 01/01/2027
	Direction of Travel WEST	Vehicle Position SHOULDER RIGHT		Vehicle Movement LEAVING TRAFFIC LANE	Initial Impact Point 6 O'CLOCK
	Damage Indicator FUNCTIONA	Gradient LEVEL	Road Alignment STRAIGHT	Possible Vehicle Failures NONE	
	Type Unit 1 SEMI-TRAILER	Tag Number 5216921		Tag Year 2030	Tag State ME
	Unit Make WABASH NATIONAL		Unit Owner GAZGOLDER INC		
	Type Unit 2	Tag Number		Tag Year	Tag State
	Unit Make		Unit Owner		
	Type Unit 3	Tag Number		Tag Year	Tag State
	Unit Make		Unit Owner		
Motorcycle	Engine Size cc	Passenger?	Saddle Bag/Trunk?	Trailer?	Driver Education?
	Driver Helmet Type	Helmet Stayed On?	DOT/Snell Designation?	Eye Protection?	Long Sleeves?
	Long Pants?	Over Ankle Boots?			
	Passenger Helmet Type	Helmet Stayed On?	DOT/Snell Designation?	Eye Protection?	Long Sleeves?
Long Pants?	Over Ankle Boots?				

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Commercial Vehicle	Carrier Type INTERSTATE								
	Unit Number 2		Number of Axles 05		Carrier Name RAJPUT CARRIERS LLC		Phone Number (916) 640-3675		
	Street Address 2887 KRONE WAY				City ANTELOPE		State CA	Zip Code 95843	
	Cargo Body Type VAN/ENCLOSED BOX			Vehicle Configuration TRACTOR / SEMI-TRAILER(S)				GVWR 080000	
	Commercial Vehicle Special Sizing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Special Sizing <input type="checkbox"/> Over Height <input type="checkbox"/> Over Length <input type="checkbox"/> Over Weight <input type="checkbox"/> Over Width								
	Oversize Load Permitted		USDOT Number 04255291		ICC Number		PUC Number	Hazardous Materials NO	
	HazMat Class 1				Release Indicator 1				
	HazMat Class 2				Release Indicator 2				
	HazMat Class 3				Release Indicator 3				
	HazMat Class 4				Release Indicator 4				
Fatality	Unit # 1	Driver Restrictions Compliance NO RESTRICTIONS/NOT APPLICABLE			Driver Endorsement Compliance NONE REQUIRED		Driver License Compliance NOT REQUIRED FOR VEHICLE CLASS		
	Principal Impact Point 2 O'CLOCK		Avoidance Maneuver NO AVOIDANCE MANEUVER			Under Ride Indicator UNDERRIDE, COMPARTMENT INTRUSION			
	Emergency Use NOT IN EMERGENCY USE		Drug Test Type BLOOD		Drug Test Results 001				
Fatality	Unit # 2	Driver Restrictions Compliance NOT A PENNSYLVANIA DRIVER			Driver Endorsement Compliance NOT A PENNSYLVANIA DRIVER		Driver License Compliance NOT A PENNSYLVANIA DRIVER		
	Principal Impact Point 6 O'CLOCK		Avoidance Maneuver NO AVOIDANCE MANEUVER			Under Ride Indicator NO UNDERRIDE OR OVERRIDE			
	Emergency Use NOT IN EMERGENCY USE		Drug Test Type UNKNOWN IF TEST GIVEN		Drug Test Results 999				
People Information	Unit # 001	Person No. 001	First Name APAR		MI S	Last Name PATEL		Suffix	DOB 12/29/1987
	Street Address 1574 2ND ST				City DANVILLE		State PA	Zip Code 17821	
	Phone Number (443) 839-8389		EMS Transport TRANSPORTED		Person Type DRIVER		Gender MALE		
	EMS Agency MANHEIM TWP AMBULANCE ASSOC				Medical Facility LANCASTER GENERAL HOSPITAL				
	Injury Severity SUSPECTED MINOR INJURY								
	Seat Position DRIVER - ALL VEHICLES				Safety Equipment 1 LAP AND SHOULDER BELT USED				
	Safety Equipment 2 AIR BAG DEPLOYED				Extrication NOT APPLICABLE				
	Ejection NOT APPLICABLE				Ejection Path NOT EJECTED/NOT APPLICABLE				
	Airbag CURTAIN, FRONT, OTHER (KNEE, AIRBELT, ETC.)								

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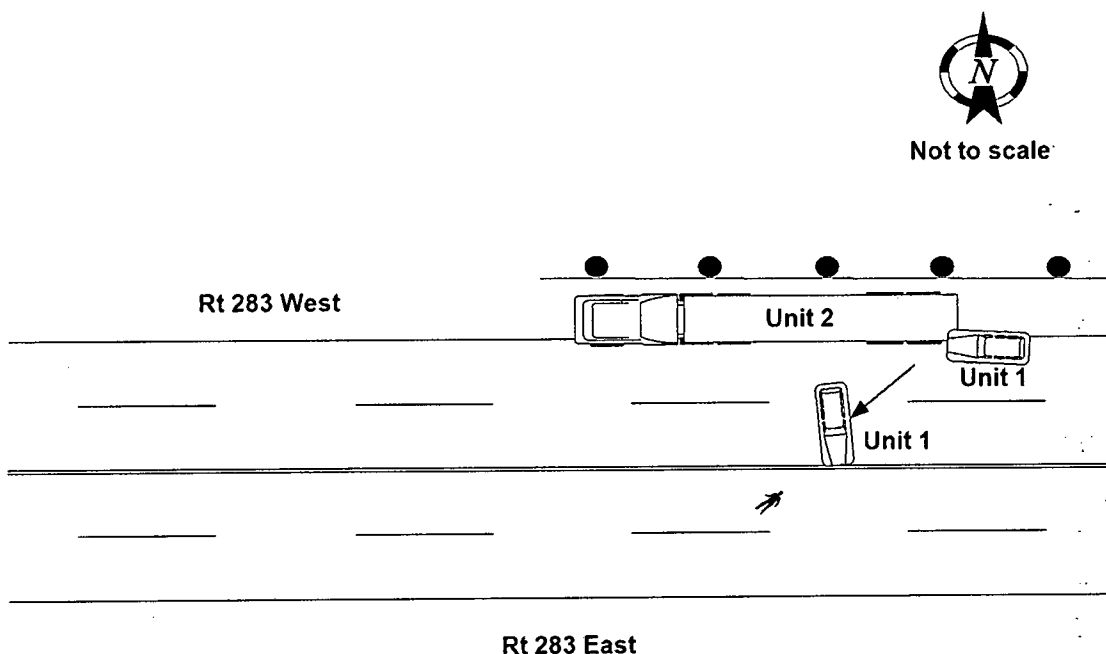
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People Information	Unit #	Person No.	First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix	DOB	
	001	002	KARRA	K	CLEVENGER		05/17/1991	
	Street Address			City		State	Zip Code	
	9709 FRAZIER CRST			HUNTINGDON		PA	16652	
	Phone Number		EMS Transport	Person Type		Gender		
			NOT TRANSPORTED	PASSENGER		FEMALE		
	EMS Agency			Medical Facility				
				NONE				
	Injury Severity							
	FATAL INJURY							
People Information	Seat Position			Safety Equipment 1				
	FRONT SEAT RIGHT SIDE			LAP AND SHOULDER BELT USED				
	Safety Equipment 2			Extrication				
	AIR BAG DEPLOYED			NOT APPLICABLE				
	Ejection		Ejection Path					
	TOTALLY EJECTED		THROUGH WINDSHIELD					
	Airbag							
	CURTAIN, FRONT, OTHER (KNEE, AIRBELT, ETC.)							
	People Information	Unit #	Person No.	First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix	DOB
		002	003	*NO GIVEN FIRST NAME		APINDERPAL SINGH		02/03/1997
Street Address			City		State	Zip Code		
2021 GARLAND CT			CERES		CA	95307		
Phone Number		EMS Transport	Person Type		Gender			
(209) 750-8432		NOT TRANSPORTED	DRIVER		MALE			
EMS Agency			Medical Facility					
			NONE					
Injury Severity								
NOT INJURED								
People Information	Seat Position			Safety Equipment 1				
	DRIVER - ALL VEHICLES			LAP AND SHOULDER BELT USED				
	Safety Equipment 2			Extrication				
	AIR BAG NOT DEPLOYED			NOT APPLICABLE				
	Ejection		Ejection Path					
	NOT APPLICABLE		NOT EJECTED/NOT APPLICABLE					
	Airbag							
	NOT DEPLOYED							
	People Information	Unit #	Person No.	First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix	DOB
		002	004	GOBIND		SINGH		10/31/1988
Street Address			City		State	Zip Code		
2024 MERKLEY AVE A			W SACRAMENTO		CA			
Phone Number		EMS Transport	Person Type		Gender			
(916) 497-7959		NOT TRANSPORTED	PASSENGER		MALE			
EMS Agency			Medical Facility					
			NONE					
Injury Severity								
NOT INJURED								
People Information	Seat Position			Safety Equipment 1				
	OTHER			NONE USED / NOT APPLICABLE				
	Safety Equipment 2			Extrication				
	NONE USED / NOT APPLICABLE			NOT APPLICABLE				
	Ejection		Ejection Path					
	NOT APPLICABLE		NOT EJECTED/NOT APPLICABLE					
	Airbag							
	NOT APPLICABLE							
	Notified	Person\Business Notified				Phone Number	Date Notified	Time Notified
		PENNDOT				(717) 787-6653	09/09/2024	06:00 hrs.
Reason for Notification								
FATALITY NOTIFICATION								

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Diagram



Crash Details

Sunday September 8, 2024 at 2331 hours

On September 8th, 2024 at approximately 2331hrs Police, Fire, and EMS were called to Route 283 West in the area of Mile Marker 26.7 for multiple reports of a two-vehicle crash involving an SUV and a Tractor Trailer. It was reported that a female passenger of the SUV had been ejected from the vehicle and into the Eastbound lanes of Route 283 where she was struck by Eastbound traffic.

I arrived on scene and located a blue BMW X5 (Unit #1) that had extensive damage on the right side starting at the front bumper and extending back to the right rear bumper/fender area. Unit #1 was facing South towards the center concrete barrier and across both lanes of Route 283 West. A white 53' Wabash reefer style trailer, being pulled by a white Freightliner Truck Tractor (Unit #2) was directly North of unit #1 on the right shoulder. Unit #2 had damage to the rear of the trailer, mainly the left side, and underneath from the impact with Unit #1. As a result of the crash the passenger side of the BMW was torn open and a female passenger was ejected from the passenger compartment. Her body traveled over the center jersey barrier and landed in the left lane of Eastbound Route 283 where it was struck by vehicles. The female was determined to be deceased at the scene.

Upon the arrival of other responding crash team members, the scene was photographed and mapped. The deceased was turned over to Deputy Coroner SPANGLER, who transported the deceased to the Lancaster County morgue. The scene was also able to be photographed and recorded by drone.

Through investigation it was determined that Apar Shirishkumar PATEL was the driver/owner of the Unit #1. The deceased female was identified as Karra CLEVENGER. PATEL was transported to the Lancaster General Hospital as a trauma patient for evaluation due to the severity of the crash. Prior to transport EMS personnel advised that they believed PATEL was under the influence of alcohol.

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Shortly after arrival at the hospital, PATEL was transferred from trauma care to general care and Investigators from the crash team were given the opportunity to speak with him about the crash. PATEL said that he and the deceased had been in Lancaster City drinking cocktails and eating prior to the crash, they were headed to drop the deceased off. During the interview with PATEL investigators observed that he displayed signs of impairment. PATEL claimed he did not have any recollection of what occurred prior to the crash or how the crash occurred.

I spoke with, APINDERPAL SINGH, who was the driver of Unit #2. SINGH stated he was initially traveling in the right lane on Route 283 West. SINGH related that he heard a noise, and thought there was a brake issue with the trailer. SINGH stated he turned on his hazard lights, started to slow down, and moved onto the right shoulder to get off the roadway. SINGH stated he was almost stopped, at which point he heard a loud noise and the trailer was struck by Unit #1. SINGH advised he got out of the truck tractor, went over to the SUV, and made contact with the male driver(PATEL).

The BMW was towed from the scene by Patriot Towing and secured at 58 N. Donnerville Rd, it will be inspected at a later date. The truck tractor and trailer were also towed by Patriot Towing, and secured at 117 Mckinley Ave also to be inspected at a later date.

The scene was cleared and roadway reopened at approximately 0638 hours.

At the time of this report the investigation into the crash continues, and a full crash reconstruction report will be completed. This report will be updated to reflect the final findings after the investigation is completed.

***** RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE 11-20-24 SANDMAN *****

Based on this Officer's education, and training, along with the available information, I have reached the following conclusions. I believe they are accurate and correct to a reasonable degree of investigative certainty. Additionally, these conclusions are supported by PennDOT traffic camera video which captured the crash.

On September 8th, 2024 at approximately 2327hrs, Unit #2, a 2023 Freightliner Cascadia (VIN: 3AKJHHDV5PSUD6779 / IN Tag: 3386353) pulling a 2017 Wabash 53' reefer trailer (VIN: 1JJV532B5HL961119 / ME Tag: 5216921) had just pulled onto the shoulder of Westbound Route 283 in the area of mile marker 26.7 and stopped. Unit #2 was being operated by APINDERPAL SINGH (CA OLN: 2097508432). His co-driver, Gobind SINGH (CA OLN: W8823447) was in the bunk of the truck tractor. Prior to pulling onto the shoulder APINDERPAL SINGH had activated Unit #2's hazard lights. Upon pulling to the shoulder the hazard lights remained on and all other required vehicle lighting and conspicuity markings were in place and in operation. It is believed the left side of the trailer was approximately 1ft right of the white fog line at this time as evidenced by tire marks, scrapes, and gouging at area of impact (AOI). ASPINDERPAL SINGH and SINGH were uninjured in the crash.

Unit #1, a 2025 BMW X5 (VIN: 5UX23EU05S9X78749 / PA Tag: MNM0450) was traveling West on Route 283 and arrived in the area of mile marker 26.7 approximately 18 seconds after Unit #2 stopped. Unit #1 was being operated by Apar PATEL (PA OLN: 35110556), Karra CLEVENGER (DOB: 05-17-91) was seated in the front passenger seat of Unit #1. Both PATEL and CLEVENGER were seat belted in the vehicle at the time of the crash. PATEL sustained minor injury during the crash, CLEVENGER sustained extensive fatal injury as a result of the crash.

Investigation found that as Unit #1 approached Unit #2 it was traveling in the right-hand lane. There were no other vehicles ahead, behind, or in the left lane that would have prevented PATEL from moving into the left lane to pass Unit #2. Despite the visible hazard on the shoulder of the roadway PATEL maintained a speed of approximately 79mph in the posted 65mph zone, he made no attempt to slow down or change lanes. Furthermore, PATEL failed to maintain his lane on approach of Unit #2 and drifted out of the right lane and partially onto the on ramp from Route 741 before crossing over the white fog line and colliding with Unit #2 on the shoulder.

On impact the right side of Unit #1 was approximately 3' over the white fog line. The impact caused the passenger side of the vehicle to break the trailer underride protection guard and the right side of Unit #1 went up under the trailer to the rear tandem axle. During this phase of the collision Unit #1 suffered extensive damage to the right side peeling the passenger side doors, sheet metal, and roof back toward the rear. The doors and part of the roof were completely ripped off, exposing the passenger side seating area. This part of the impact is likely what caused CLEVENGER's extensive head, neck, and upper body injuries resulting in her death. Additionally, this part of the impact caused the failure of the "B" pillar of the vehicle and ultimately the catastrophic failure of the front passenger seatbelt as it was torn and rendered useless.

Unit #1's impact with the rear axle of Unit #2 lifted and pushed the trailer/truck forward to the right and the trailer came to

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rest on the guard rail. The force of the impact caused Unit #1 to eject out from under the trailer in a clockwise rotation with all four wheels leaving the ground before impact with the center concrete barrier. With her seatbelt compromised and her portion of the passenger compartment exposed, this second impact caused CLEVINGER's ejection. Upon ejection CLEVINGER's body struck the concrete median while traveling over it and landing approximately 16.5' away from Unit #1 in the left lane of Eastbound Route 283. Once separate from the crash and on the opposite side of the highway CLEVINGER's body was initially almost completely undetectable to Eastbound traffic until vehicles were already on top of her. Subsequently her lower extremities were struck by at least eight passing vehicles until motorists recognized what was occurring and traffic was stopped by an Eastbound tractor trailer.

Investigation revealed that in the approximately 7hrs prior to the crash PATEL and CLEVINGER had been consuming alcoholic beverages at 3 separate locations in Mt. Joy and Lancaster City. In reviewing video evidence from establishments in Lancaster City where the pair had been, PATEL visibly displayed signs of impaired judgement, poor coordination, and lack of social awareness before getting behind the wheel of Unit #1. Additionally, there are several minutes of video evidence showing PATEL driving out of Lancaster City immediately before the crash. During this time on at least two occasions PATEL displays signs of impaired perception of time and distance, as he is seen stopping well beyond the stop bar and in crosswalks at intersections. Blood was taken from PATEL upon his arrival in the trauma bay at the Lancaster General Hospital after the crash. Toxicology results revealed that he had a BAC of .134%.

This Officer has determined that there were no roadway or environmental factors that contributed to or caused this crash. Additionally, there were no vehicle failures or malfunctions that contributed to or caused this crash.

This Officer has identified the primary factor in the crash as driver action on the part of Apar PATEL. This Officer believes and evidence suggests that PATEL was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage to the point he was incapable of safely operating a motor vehicle in violation Title 75 Sec 3802(A)1 -DUI General Impairment, and 3802(B) -DUI High Rate. Furthermore, PATEL's actions directly resulted in the death of Karra CLEVINGER in violation of Title 75 Sec 3735(A) Homicide by Vehicle While DUI. Additionally, based on training and experience this Officer believes PATEL's actions and failure to pass Vehicle #2 in a non-adjacent lane, in violation of Title 75 Sec 3327(a.1)1, while traveling at 14mph over the posted 65mph speed limit in violation of Title 75 Sec. 3362(A)1.1, displays a level of reckless negligence required for Title 75 Sec. 3732(A) Homicide by Vehicle.

As of this update 11-20-24 charges have been filed at MDJ 02-2-05

NOTHING FURTHER -CASE CLOSED