



Narrative Description  
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The specialty ambulance was traveling eastbound on Interstate 20 at night en route to pick up a pediatric patient when a car traveling in the opposite direction came across the median into the path of our ambulance. The car's driver had fallen asleep at the wheel. (Police report attached) Our driver swerved to miss the car, but struck the trunk of the car. He subsequently lost control, went into the median and rolled over 360 degrees. The vehicle landed upright with three of the four walls and roof of the box, or rear compartment of the ambulance, completely detached from the vehicle. The remaining wall was partially attached. The three medical team members in the box were not wearing their seat belts and were ejected. An investigation by a mechanical engineer/metallurgist indicates this likely saved their lives. The seat belts attached to the walls most likely would have carried the belted occupants with the detached walls, crushing them. There were no fatalities or permanent disabilities; two, however, had lengthy recoveries, the last returning to work in December 1999. Injuries among the five passengers included finger fracture, clavicle (collar bone) fracture, rib fractures, pneumothoraces (collapsed lungs) and back injury.

Our own investigation showed that the modular patient compartment (box) of the specialty vehicle involved in the accident along with our two remaining vehicles made by the same manufacturer had numerous missing welds and "spotty" welds. From the examination and calculations of weld strength, none of the vehicles would withstand a side or rear impact from a mid-size vehicle traveling at moderate speeds without the seams of the box coming apart; an 18 wheeler truck traveling at 5 – 10 mph would cause the same result. In the opinion of the investigator, all three ambulances exhibit poor design, lack of structural integrity and negligent quality control. Though not required of specialty ambulances, these specialty units were built to KKK standards.

## ALABAMA UNIFORM TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORT

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**Appendix 2**

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NO. 44

Leafy Green Stew

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Rear module of V2

24'

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Shoulder

I-20

Median

Shoulder

Diagram Not to Scale

(20 feet)  
(30 feet)

Diagram Scale 1 inch

Signature of Reporting Officer(s)

*Donna McQuinn*

Location

*Riverside*

Officer ID

*855*

Reporting Police Agency OR

*AST0100*

Time

*8:20*

DATE

Month

*08*

Day

*24*

Year

*1998*

Supplemental Sheet

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## TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORT

LOCAL CASE NO.

SHEET 2 OF 3 SHEET(S)

ACT No. 24 Rev. 8/88

## SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET

| Unit No. | Seat Pos. | Entry Type | Age | Sex | Specimen | Time Aid Dr. |
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ADDITIONAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS

|    |                            |                                                  |                                                          |                               |
|----|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3  | Name<br>Michael Badger     | Address<br>342 Carter Ave N. Birmingham AL 35273 | Taken to<br>University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital | Taken by<br>UAB Critical Care |
| 4  | Name<br>Carl Nelson        | Address<br>P.O. Box 467 Chickadees AL 35044      | Taken to<br>University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital | Taken by<br>UAB Critical Care |
| 5  | Name<br>Dr. Andrew Gregory | Address<br>208 Colby St. Birmingham AL 35263     | Taken to<br>University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital | Taken by<br>UAB Critical Care |
| 6  | Name                       | Address                                          | Taken to                                                 | Taken by                      |
| 7  | Name                       | Address                                          | Taken to                                                 | Taken by                      |
| 8  | Name                       | Address                                          | Taken to                                                 | Taken by                      |
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| 10 | Name                       | Address                                          | Taken to                                                 | Taken by                      |
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ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE SPACE

## DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED (Refer to vehicles by number)

V1 was traveling west on I-20 in the right lane. V2 was traveling east on I-20. V2 is a motorcycle traveling with it's emergency lights on. Vehicle 2 was enroute to Regional Medical Center in Anniston, Alabama for a emergency transport to Birmingham. Driver of V1 apparently felt unsafe when he drove at V1 make he had to avoid a slow moving vehicle in his lane of travel. V1 avoided the contact with driver of V1 last control and traveled through the median. V1 spun while traveling through the median. V1 traveled into the east bound lane of travel. V2 struck V1. V1 came to rest in the left lane of the east bound side of I-20. Driver of V2 lost control. V2 traveled through the median facing north. V2 overturned in the median. When V2 overturned, the rear wheels of V2 separated from the chassis. V2 came to rest in the east lane on the west bound side of I-20.

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