

Fourteen Injured Passengers and Estate of Deceased Tourist Join Together to Sue Greyhound, Alleging Driver Fatigue Caused Explosive Highway Crash

Bus Accident Lawyer Jon Ostroff heads legal team that filed lawsuit in Philadelphia County on behalf of 15 passengers involved in fatal Central PA Greyhound bus crash. This collision occurred when a Greyhound interstate bus slammed into the rear of a tractor-trailer at 1:30 am, on October 9, 2013.

Philadelphia, PA (PRWEB) January 07, 2014 -- Ostroff Injury Law Managing Partner Jon Ostroff has filed a lawsuit in Philadelphia County on behalf of 15 passengers who were seriously injured or killed in a highway crash.(1) As reported on CNN, this high speed crash occurred on October 9, 2013, on Route 80, near Williamsport, PA. Ostroff will serve as lead counsel on behalf of the group of victims and will head a team of trial attorneys that include Ryan Zehl of Fitz Zehl in Houston, TX and Daniel Munley, of Munley Law, based in Scranton, PA.

The 15 passengers identified in the lawsuit Complaint reside in numerous states, including Arkansas, Connecticut, Michigan, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Ostroff also represents injured passengers from Calgary, Canada; Stockholm, Sweden; and Son Thi Thanh Hoang from Da Nang, Viet Nam, who was killed in this crash.

This Williamsport crash was the fourth time in 2013 that a Greyhound bus was involved in a major highway crash. Each of these crashes occurred either because the Greyhound bus driver passed out or the Greyhound bus struck the rear of a large truck on a highway.(2)

The Complaint filed in Philadelphia County on behalf of the 15 passengers initiated a lawsuit against Greyhound Bus Lines, its driver, Sabrina Anderson, and First Group America, the corporation that owns Greyhound.

The allegations in the filed Complaint against Sabrina Anderson include: "Falling asleep behind the wheel of the interstate passenger bus, just prior to the crash that is the subject of this Complaint."(3)

The allegations in the filed Complaint against Greyhound Bus Lines include:

"Failing to have a specific system in place to monitor and manage fatigue of its interstate passenger bus operators, so they were not required to drive the vehicle when they were too tired to safely do so;" (4)

"Continuing to employ Anderson and entrusting her to operate its interstate bus and to transport passengers when Greyhound's agents, representatives and/or employees knew and/or had reason to know Anderson was unfit to do so and/or had dangerous propensities as a bus operator;"(5)

"Encouraging, pressuring, and/or forcing Anderson to operate its interstate bus with passengers, while dangerously fatigued, by imposing job related leverage on Anderson via lost pay, lost incentives, lost promotions, lost opportunities to drive subsequent routes, and/or firing;"(6)

"The above acts and omissions on the part of Defendant, Greyhound, were carelessly, negligently and recklessly done and increased the risk of harm, injuries and death suffered by Plaintiffs'..."(7)



Ostroff said, "Our legal team spent many hours with our accident reconstruction expert inspecting the involved Greyhound bus, truck and crash scene in White Deer Township, PA. The wreckage of this bus speaks to the magnitude of the force that my clients were subject to in this explosive crash. We have hired some of the top fatigue management experts in the country to analyze the evidence in this crash. Based on the evidence we have already obtained, I believe that Sabrina Anderson was too tired to drive this long interstate route and that if Greyhound had an appropriate fatigue management program in place, this crash would have been prevented."

- (1) Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia- Trial Division: Court Term: December, 2013, Docket no. 002598.
- (2)Crash #1- On January 18, 2013, <u>Erie TV News</u> reported that a Greyhound bus crash occurred that day and resulted in many passenger injuries when the bus struck the rear of a tractor trailer on Interstate 79, near Erie, PA; Crash #2- On August 1, 2013, <u>MLive.com</u> reported that a Greyhound bus crash occurred that day and resulted in 21 passenger injuries when the bus struck the rear of a tractor-trailer on Interstate 94, near Kalamazoo, Michigan; Crash #3- On September 14, 2013, <u>USA Today</u> reported that at 3:50 am that morning, many of the 51 passengers filling a Greyhound bus were injured on Interstate 75, near Cincinnati, OH. A <u>CBS Detroit</u> story published on September 23, 2013, confirmed that the driver of this bus passed out and veered off of the highway, rolling the Greyhound bus over before it ended up in a rural cornfield off the highway."
- (3)Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia- Trial Division: Court Term: December, 2013, Docket no. 002598. Allegation #51(q)
- (4)Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia- Trial Division: Court Term: December, 2013, Docket no. 002598. Allegation #43(r)
- (5)Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia- Trial Division: Court Term: December, 2013, Docket no. 002598. Allegation #43(rr)
- (6) Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia- Trial Division: Court Term: December, 2013, Docket no. 002598. Allegation #43(ss)
- (7)Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia- Trial Division: Court Term: December, 2013, Docket no. 002598. Allegation #44

Bus accident lawyer Jon Ostroff and the lawyers at his firm, have successfully represented bus, truck and car accident victims across the US. Mr. Ostroff is one of the few lawyers that has achieved a perfect "10" rating by AVVO.com, the largest independent website in the US for rating lawyers. Visit OstroffLaw.com and Bus-Safety-Lawyers.com.



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