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**CHARGES FILED IN INTERSTATE 10 CRASH THAT KILLED 13 BUS PASSENGERS**  
*Defendant arrested late today in Georgia by fugitive task force*

**INDIO** – Today, Oct. 19, 2017, a multiagency fugitive task force arrested a Georgia man in connection with the deaths of 13 bus passengers killed in a 2016 crash on Interstate 10.

Bruce Guilford, DOB: 8-12-66, was charged by the Riverside County District Attorney's Office on Oct. 18, 2017, with a total of 42 counts --13 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, 12 counts of felony reckless driving causing injury, and 17 misdemeanor counts of reckless driving causing injury. Along with the 13 passengers killed, 29 others were injured in the crash.

Guilford was arrested just before 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time in Georgia by the U.S. Marshal Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force. That multiagency task force was contacted by the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force, Team 6, with information to coordinate the arrest of Guilford on a \$500,000 arrest warrant issued by a judge on Oct. 18, 2017.

The fatal crash happened almost exactly a year ago, on Oct. 23, 2016, about 5:15 a.m., on westbound Interstate 10, west of North Indian Canyon Drive, in the Palm Springs area.

That morning, construction being done by Southern California Edison and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) led to the California Highway Patrol conducting a "traffic break" to stop traffic across all lanes of the interstate. Guilford was driving a tractor-trailer rig and came to a stop in the No. 3 lane of the freeway. Once CHP officers reopened the westbound lanes, Guilford's big-rig remained stopped in the freeway lane.

A motor coach carrying passengers from Red Earth casino in Thermal to Los Angeles crashed into the back of big-rig at a speed of 76 mph, according to a CHP investigation.

The investigation revealed that Guilford, the driver of the big-rig, had fallen asleep with the rig's parking brakes set while in the stopped traffic. CHP investigators determined that, between Oct. 19, 2016, and the time of the fatal crash, Guilford violated 20 hours of service federal regulations, regularly violated maximum driving-time regulations, and attempted to hide the violations by falsifying his driver's daily log. Investigators also determined that Guilford had only seven hours of sleep opportunity in the 24 hours prior to the crash. Investigators say it is unlikely he actually slept during those sleep opportunities.

The Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force, Team 6, is made up of senior investigators from the Riverside County DA's Office, special agents from the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, and inspectors with the United States Marshal Service. Team 6 is one of 20 teams comprising the fugitive task force in a collaborative effort by southern region law enforcement agencies to apprehend fugitives from justice.

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