

# BIG RIGS PARKING ON EXIT RAMPS AT NIGHT – THIS COMMON PRACTICE KILLED A BELOVED HUSBAND AND FATHER

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CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, UNITED STATES, July 17, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- When Mario Gonzalez kissed his wife, Ofelia, goodbye and left his home in Alice, Texas, for the two-hour nighttime drive to San Antonio, he had no way of knowing that 18-wheelers in Texas and across the country had the dangerous practice of parking their big rigs for the night, right off of major highways on the active exit ramps leading to rest stops. These active roadways, blocked through the dark night by these silent, unlit, and nearly invisible twelve-ton walls of steel on tires, have become the newest and most deadly danger for drivers like Mr. Gonzalez, who lost his life at 2:00 am on July 14th, 2023, when his 2017 Ford F-150 plowed into the back of a darkened 18-

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and keep them there throughout the night. This is exactly what caused the recent catastrophic



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wheeler, parked with no cones, no lights, and no markings, on the access road of a rest area off of Interstate 37, north of Corpus Christi, TX.

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Attorney Bob Hilliard comments on the practice: “When 18-wheelers can’t find space to park inside a rest area, they pull their rigs onto the access road next to the rest stop

[Greyhound](#) bus accident in Southern Illinois, which claimed three lives and left 14 others injured.”

The Greyhound bus accident has begun to shed light on the potential dangers of semi-trucks parked on exit ramps. The incident occurred when the St. Louis-bound bus collided with three tractor-trailers parked along a highway rest area exit, resulting in devastating consequences. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has initiated an investigation into the accident to uncover the root cause and evaluate safety concerns associated with semi-trucks stopping on exit ramps. Federal regulations require drivers to pull over and have designated rest after reaching a certain number of driving hours. Drivers can face fines and consequences for violating this regulation.



Aerial view showing 13 big rigs parked at a rest stop off of Interstate 37, outside of Corpus Christi, TX.

Hilliard continued, “Mario had no way of knowing about this dangerous practice and very likely did not even see the back of the parked rig before he hit it on the roadway.”

Hilliard Law is committed to pursuing justice on behalf of the Gonzalez family. The Texas accident remains under investigation.

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