

# 8-Year-old Dies In Traffic Crash Involving Four Vehicles On I-55 In Madison County

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**COLLINSVILLE** - An 8-year-old from Fairview Heights died in a multiple-vehicle traffic crash at 8:35 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, on Interstate-55, southbound at milepost 37, just north of the New Douglas Road Exit in Madison County.

Multiple people were also transported to area hospitals from the crash that involved four vehicles.

***The Following Preliminary Information is being released by Illinois State Police District 11:***

**WHAT:** Multiple Vehicle Fatal Traffic Crash

**WHEN:** Nov. 10, 2020 at approximately 8:35 p.m.

**WHERE:** Interstate 55 southbound at milepost 37, just north of the New Douglas Road Exit, Madison County

**VEHICLE:** Unit 1: 2008 Gray Chevrolet Malibu

Unit 2: 2003 Red Kenworth Truck Tractor Semi-Trailer

Unit 3: 2009 Silver Ford Focus

Unit 4: 2018 White International Truck Tractor Semi-Trailer

**DRIVER:** Unit 1: Laura D. Schmittling, 27-year-old female of Collinsville, IL

Unit 3: Lacy A. Weiser, 23- year-old female of Highland, IL

Unit 4: Benjamin M. Brunoehler, 27-year-old male of Sandwich, IL

**PASSENGER:** Unit 1: Juvenile, 8-year-old of Collinsville, IL (Deceased)

Juvenile, 2-year-old of Collinsville, IL

(Transported to a local area hospital with injuries)

Unit 2: Travis G. Michaels, 35-year-old male of Hazelton, IA

Unit 3: Juvenile, 4-year-old of Highland, IL

(Transported to a local area hospital with injuries)

Juvenile, 6-month-old of Highland, IL

(Transported to a local area hospital with injuries)

**PRELIMINARY:** Preliminary investigative details indicate the following occurred: Unit 1 was traveling on Interstate 55 southbound at milepost 37, just north of the New Douglas Road Exit. For unknown reasons, Unit 1 ran off the roadway to the left and struck a guardrail. After striking the guardrail, Unit 1 became disabled in the left lane. Unit 2, also traveling at the same location, swerved to avoid Unit 1 and sideswiped Unit 3 traveling in the adjacent lane. Unit 4, who was also traveling in the left lane then struck Unit 1.

**CHARGES:** Pending Investigation

*The public is reminded all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*