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Driver in I-70 Fatal Fell Asleep, Preliminary Investigation Shows

(Grand Junction, CO) – The driver of a semi truck that crashed into the 26 ½ Road overpass on Interstate 70 early yesterday morning likely fell asleep at the wheel, shortly before reaching his destination in Grand Junction. The driver was traveling from the Denver area.

The Grand Junction Police Department's accident investigation is ongoing, but evidence at the scene is consistent with the driver having fallen asleep. The male driver and a female passenger were both killed when the semi he was driving crashed into the overpass shortly before 3:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2007. Both victims were ejected from the vehicle and their bodies were found in the semi's wreckage.

The name of the trucking company and the victims' names are being withheld until the Mesa County Coroner's Office completes official identification and notification efforts.

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