

## Victim's family sues bus company in fatal N.J. Turnpike crash

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**EAST BRUNSWICK** — Troy Nguyen juggled a part-time job while attending a Pennsylvania college, studying computer graphics with enough success that he had plans of transferring to either Penn State University or Drexel University.

On March 14, however, Nguyen and a classmate bought \$20 round-trip bus tickets for a spring break day trip to New York City. On the return trip, the bus crashed into a concrete bridge support on the New Jersey Turnpike in East Brunswick, and Nguyen died from a blow to his head. The bus driver was also killed and 41 passengers were injured.

Today, Nguyen's family filed a lawsuit against the bus company, Super Luxury Tours of Wilkes Barre, Pa., alleging it operated without regard for passenger safety.



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State Police examine the wreckage of a tour bus that crashed on the New Jersey Turnpike last night in East Brunswick. The tour bus was traveling from Chinatown in New York and heading to Philadelphia when it crashed, killing the driver and a passenger. The bus is at Puleio's Service Center in North Brunswick. (Patti Sapone/The Star-Ledger)

[Fatal NJ Turnpike bus crash gallery \(18 photos\)](#)

"This is every parent's nightmare," said Frederic Eisenberg, the Philadelphia lawyer who filed the suit in state court in Pennsylvania.

"From all accounts of the friends who spoke at his funeral, this was an incredibly nice kid," Eisenberg said of Nguyen, who lived with his parents, Trong and Holly Nguyen, and his two younger brothers in Royersford, Pa.

The suit claims Super Luxury Tours failed to adopt policies for safe operation of their bus, and failed to oversee their agents and drivers. "Super Luxury Tours broke almost every applicable law in the way they managed their company, their fleet, their drivers," Eisenberg said.

Nguyen, 20, was thrown halfway through a bus window in the 9 p.m. crash in the truck lanes of the Turnpike, just south of exit 9. The bus driver, Wei Wang, 50, of Forest Hills, N.Y., was thrown through the windshield and killed.

Nguyen's classmate, Steven Mullahy, 20, also of Royersford, was injured. Hours after the crash, Mullahy said he and Nguyen had enjoyed the day in New York, and had fallen asleep while sitting in the back of the bus. He said he awoke to a

loud bang and the bus swerving.

Authorities said the bus struck the concrete overpass, then swerved across lanes before crashing in a dirt embankment.

Eisenberg said he is also representing Mullahy, who will also be filing a lawsuit. Attempts to reach a lawyer for the bus company were unsuccessful today.

State Police, the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration are investigating the crash.

Super Luxury Tours has compiled one of the worst driver-safety records in the country, according to a report from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The company has been placed out of service and suspended for violating insurance requirements, Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) said during hearings last week.

**Tour bus that crashed in Turnpike gets examined by State Police**

State Police officials inspect the wreckage of the tour bus that crashed on the New Jersey Turnpike Monday night in East Brunswick killing two and injured dozens others. No audio. (Video by Patti Sapone / The Star-Ledger)

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