

Addenda #89 – August 2025

Re: Ch. 17, S.D.G. Enforcement by Global Organizations

SDG 10.7 – U.N. Migration Policies

State Road 91, also known as the Florida Turnpike, is a six lane highway that begins in North Miami Beach and ends near Wildwood in Central Florida, approximately 460 miles to the north. The Florida Turnpike is one of the busiest toll roads in the country, with more than 3 million drivers using this route every day. The turnpike is also a key route for semi-trucks and freight carrying vehicles heading between Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Orlando, and other key cities. The turnpike is also the site of tens of thousands of accidents each year, and with a posted speed limit of 70mph (which most drivers ignore) many of them are fatal.

On August 12, a minivan carrying five South Florida residents travelling on the turnpike hit a commercial tractor trailer broadside in Fort Pierce. Two occupants of the van were killed instantly, likely decapitated as the minivan crashed into the side of the trailer at highway speeds and became wedged under it. A third person was taken by helicopter to the hospital where they died a couple hours later. The two other occupants of the van were not *physically* injured. The reason that the minivan hit the side of the trailer, is because the driver attempted to make a sudden, illegal U-turn, across three lanes of traffic. The minivan traveling in the inside lane could not stop in time to avoid the accident.



Singh looking over his shoulder, sees the minivan heading for his trailer, as he makes an illegal U-turn.



The minivan now wedged under the trailer, is visible from the in-cab camera footage.

The driver, Harjinder Singh, has been charged with three counts of vehicular homicide. Investigators who questioned Singh two days after the accident, said he failed the English Language Proficiency assessment, providing correct responses to just 2 of 12 verbal questions and only accurately identifying 1 of 4 highway traffic signs. They also found out that Singh was in the U.S. illegally, having crossed the southern border in 2018.

Obtaining a commercial driver's license (CDL) in most states requires passing several steps including medical testing, verbal and written testing, a motor vehicle background check and proof of residency. Since Singh barely spoke English, couldn't identify traffic signs and was not in the U.S. legally, he shouldn't have been issued a CDL. But Washington state gave it to him anyway in 2023. In 2024, California issued Singh a limited-term/non-domiciled commercial driver's license, and he began driving for White Hawk Carriers, a trucking company with a history of safety violations and drivers working with suspended licenses. Singh was delivering a load in Florida for White Hawk when the accident occurred.

Both outrage over the accident, and pushback by pro-illegal immigration supporters was almost immediate. Tricia McLaughlin, Homeland Security assistant secretary for public affairs noted that the Trump administration rejected a work authorization for Singh in September 2020 because he was an illegal immigrant and was being processed for deportation. McLaughlin also noted that Singh's work permit was approved by the Biden administration in June 2021. California Governor Gavin Newsom claimed that it was the Trump administration that issued Singh a work permit for his CDL, a claim that was immediately disputed by McLaughlin; "The state of California issues Commercial Drivers Licenses. There is no national CDL." In fact, President Trump signed an Executive Order in April directing enforcement of a Department of Transportation rule requiring commercial drivers in the U.S. to meet English-proficiency standards, something the Gavin Newsom's California never bothered to enforce.

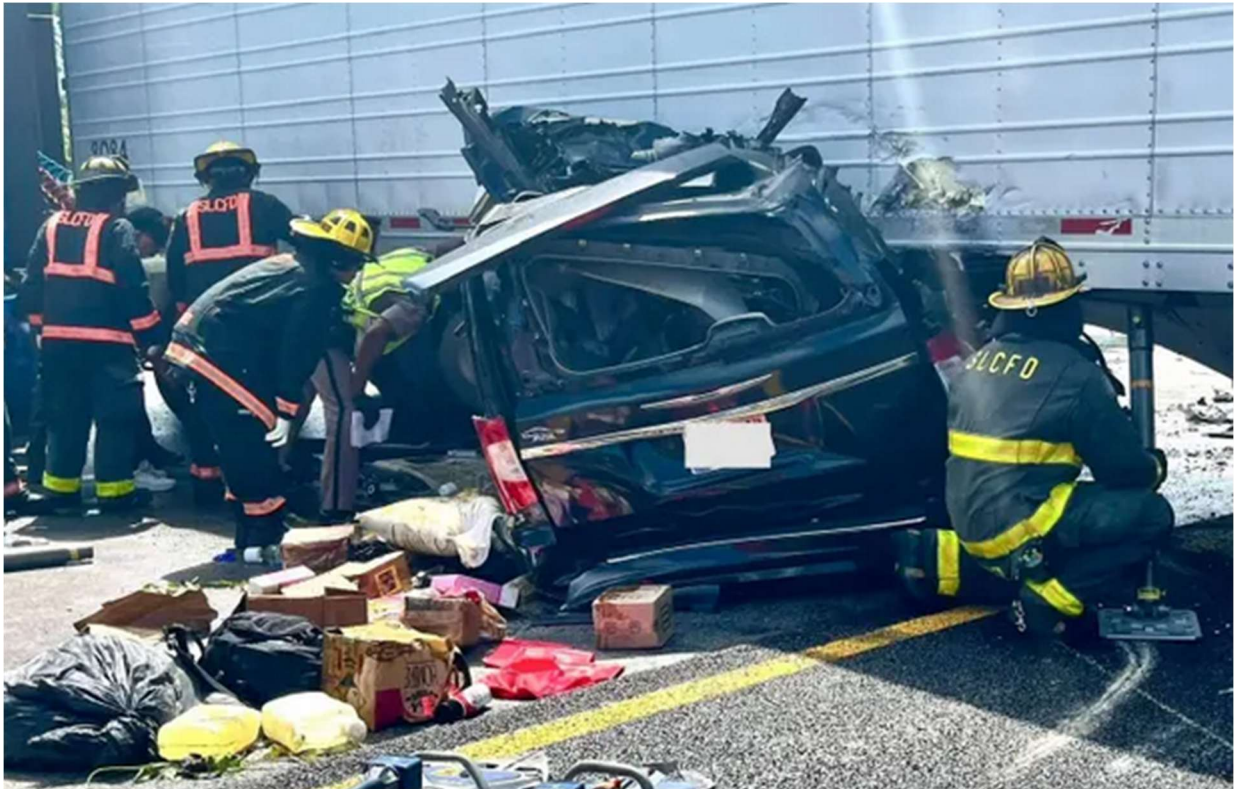
Millions sign petition demanding MERCY for Indian illegal migrant trucker who killed three in Florida with forbidden U-turn

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More than 2.6 million people [worldwide] have signed a petition urging Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis to show leniency towards an illegal migrant truck driver who allegedly killed three people in a horrific highway crash.

The petition was created and circulated by *Change.org*, a left-wing website that hosts petitions generally related to politics or public policy, most noted for its "Justice for George Floyd" petition, which gathered 11 million signatures in 2020. The multiple petitions ask for leniency and a reduced or commuted sentence for Singh. *Advocate for leniency in Harjinder Singh's sentencing* has gathered more than 77,000 signatures, while multiple petitions to reduce the potential 45-year sentence if convicted, have gathered more than 9,000 signatures and describe Singh as a hard working family man, the same language used to describe accused human trafficker and illegal immigrant Abrego Garcia. Petitions call for "fair and compassionate" sentencing to a man involved in "a regrettable accident." Except that Singh has yet to show any signs of regret or remorse for the accident that claimed three victims. "Punishing Mr. Singh with such severity does not serve justice nor does it bring closure or healing to the victims' families" states one of the petitions.

Commute Sentence for Harjinder Singh, a Sikh victim of circumstance, has almost 12,000 signatures.



Firefighters and Paramedics attempting to aid five individuals in the minivan after the crash

Singh was arrested on a fugitive warrant by U.S. Marshals in California, where he fled to the day after the crash. He was extradited to Florida, charged with three counts of vehicular homicide and immigration violations and law enforcement officials have denied him bond. Singh is being held in the St. Lucie County Jail, while he waits for his trial. ICE has issued a detainer for Singh, which Florida will cooperate with. By Florida state law, vehicular homicide is a second degree felony, punishable by up to fifteen years in prison and a \$10,000 maximum fine. If Singh, who is 28-years old, is found guilty of all three charges, he could be facing up to 45 years in prison and a \$30,000 fine.

A petition created by *Collective Punjabi youth*, has gathered nearly 3 million signatures. The petition asks Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Board of Executive Clemency to “re-examine and reduce the sentence” of Singh. The reasoning given in the petition is that the accident was tragic, but not a deliberate act. The group claims that there is no “criminal intent or history”, and therefore Singh should receive a much reduced sentence if convicted. To back up their request, the group cites a 2019 case in which a 23-year old U.S. resident from Cuba, Rogel Lazaro Aguilera-Mederos, crashed into 12 cars and three other semi-trailer trucks, after he lost control of his semi-trailer truck on a downhill grade. The crashes resulted in multiple fires and explosions, killing four people. Prior to losing control of his vehicle, Aguilera-Mederos was observed speeding and forcing a pickup truck off the road. Police reports showed that the truck was travelling nearly 80 mph just before the accident happened, causing the driver to lose control of his vehicle.

Despite there being several emergency runaway truck ramps on the downhill grade, witnesses said the driver never attempted to use them. Aguilera-Mederos was found guilty on 4 counts of vehicular manslaughter and sentenced to 110-years in prison. The ACLU and the League of United Latin American Citizens led the charge to have the sentencing reduced and almost 5 million people signed a Change.org petition to have the sentence commuted or granted clemency. Colorado Governor Jared Polis, a wealthy Democrat and the first openly gay man elected as governor, bent to the wishes of minority lobbying and commuted the sentence to just 10-years. This, is what the *Collective Punjabi youth* wants to see happen in the Harjinder Singh case in Florida.

Let's look at the facts uncovered so far in the case against Singh...

Singh violated U.S. Immigration Law by entering into the United States illegally in 2018. In seven years living here Singh never bothered to learn how to read, write or speak English. Singh was issued a commercial driver's license (CDL) by the state of Washington in 2023, even though he failed to meet federal requirements of residency, knowledge and skills. Singh was issued a CDL by the state of California in July 2024, even though he still could not meet Department of Transportation requirements.

Even though he was issued a CDL from multiple states, Singh never bothered to learn basic traffic signs. Singh didn't know or didn't care to follow the "No U-turn Sign", causing the deaths of three people.

Even though Singh has no prior criminal history (if you ignore willful violation of federal immigration law) or criminal intent when causing the accident, he made no attempt to assimilate into the cultural traditions of the country he lived in for seven years. He didn't bother to learn to proficiently read, write or speak English and he didn't bother to learn the rules of the road while driving a 70-foot long, 80,000 pound commercial vehicle. If this doesn't fit the definition of reckless or negligent behavior, I don't know what does.

Singh has obviously benefited from his status as a minority person of color and the policies of progressive blue states he lived and/or worked in. His acceptance of these conditions apparently led Singh to believe he is deserving of certain privileges the rest of us are not entitled to. The victims that Singh is responsible for killing were 30-year-old Herby Dufresne, of Florida City, 54-year-old Rodrigue Dor, of Miami, and 37-year-old Faniloa Joseph, of Pompano Beach. They most likely leave behind parents, siblings, spouses or partners, and children whose lives will be forever changed by the accident Singh caused. The only thing *they* did wrong, was to be on the Florida Turnpike at the same time Singh decided to disregard a posted traffic sign and create the situation that led to their deaths.

Singh is just a symptom of our culture today, and an acknowledgement that policies of progressive politicians and the U.N. Global Compact for Migration may help migrants, but they end up affecting residents of the countries those migrants go to. Singh is now another statistic to add to that continually growing ICE National Docket for criminal Noncitizens, under the categories of homicide and traffic offenses. The three victims are another statistic to add to that continually growing list of U.S. citizens affected by illegal immigrant crimes.