According to the police report it was daylight, clear and the roadway was dry. The speed limit on SR 436 was 40 mph.

Ms. Gonzalez, deposed on May 19, 2023, testified that she was a passenger in the Hyundai and her husband was driving. They were on the 436 and were slowing to a stop for a traffic light when the truck struck them in the rear. They were almost at a stop when the impact occurred, and it was without warning. She did not see or hear the Ford prior to the crash and only felt the impact. The impact was hard, her head went back and forth an unknown number of times striking the headrest, and her hairclip was broken into several pieces due to it. The impact pushed their Hyundai forward about 12 feet, which was a guess as she was not good at estimating distances. There were vehicles in front of them and they did not strike any of them. The Ford left the scene and was later located by police.

No deposition or other statement from Mr. Gonzalez was provided.

No deposition of Mr. Saulgozis was provided for review. He told police that he did not have any recollection of striking anyone’s vehicle and that he may have blacked out. The damage to his bumper was pre-existing from an earlier insurance claim and he had photos showing it.

No deposition of the witness, Ms. Metzger, was provided for review. She told police that she heard the crash, looked in her rearview mirror, and saw the subject Ford stationary in traffic. The Ford then left the scene and parked in a nearby parking lot. She provided the license plate information to the police and was told she could leave the area.

The police report, authored by Officer DeCastro, stated that both subject vehicles were in the eastbound right through lane of SR 436. The Hyundai slowed for traffic and the front bumper of the Ford struck the rear bumper of the Hyundai. The estimated speed of the Hyundai was 15 mph, and the estimated speed of the Ford was 20 mph. Mr. Saulgozis was contacted at his residence, and he stated he did not remember being in a crash. Black paint transfer was discovered on the Hyundai’s bumper that appeared to match the black paint of the subject Ford.

**Documents Reviewed:**

The following documents/files were provided and reviewed for the preparation of this report:

1. 4 color photographs of Ms. Gonzalez’s Hyundai.
2. Ms. Gonzalez’s deposition dated May 19, 2023.
3. The Altamonte Springs Police Department crash report.