# Weinstein Firm Addresses Decatur Truck Accident Evidence Risks

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The Weinstein Firm has outlined the specific evidence-preservation challenges facing Decatur and DeKalb County truck accident victims along the Interstate 285 corridor, citing a series of recent commercial vehicle incidents and a Georgia law that can shorten the window for recovering critical trucking records.

In May 2026, DeKalb County resident Morgan Porter told WSB-TV Channel 2 that her vehicle was jammed against the concrete median on I-285 and dragged by an 18-wheeler after the tractor-trailer drifted into her lane. Porter reported that the truck driver continued driving after the collision, making the crash a hit-and-run tractor-trailer incident. DeKalb County Police investigated by seeking witnesses and dashcam video of the red tractor-trailer, which carried random lettering on its side. The incident illustrates the recovery hurdles that a Decatur truck accident lawyer must address when a commercial driver leaves the scene.

The May incident followed other significant events on the corridor. On October 9, 2025, a tractor-trailer crash and fire shut down all lanes of I-285 northbound just north of I-20 at Exit 46 in DeKalb County. DeKalb Police

responded at approximately 4:30 a.m., and GDOT crews battled hot spots on the truck for hours before lanes reopened, with both I-285 northbound and I-20 westbound experiencing significant delays. On February 15, 2026, a tractor-trailer and sedan collided on I-285 southbound near Covington Highway, with DeKalb County Police confirming the crash and a fuel spill. The pattern reflects the recurring conflicts between commercial trucks and passenger vehicles on one of the highest-volume truck traffic segments in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

When a DeKalb County crash involves a hit-and-run tractor-trailer, a victim's own uninsured motorist coverage becomes the primary recovery vehicle if the truck cannot be identified. Georgia law also requires trucking carriers to maintain FMCSA-mandated insurance minimums that can extend to hit-and-run scenarios once a carrier is identified through DOT number databases, dashcam footage, and toll records.

Georgia Senate Bill 68, signed April 21, 2025, allows defendants in civil litigation to stay discovery for up to 90 days. Electronic logging device records, which FMCSA requires carriers to retain for only six months after the last date of the ELD record, can cycle through their mandatory retention period during a carrier-filed discovery stay, particularly when a crash occurs late in the retention window. The Weinstein Firm issues FMCSA data preservation demands to trucking carriers within 48 hours of any DeKalb County truck crash being reported, before SB 68 stay motions can be filed and before standard ELD retention periods advance.

"When an 18-wheeler leaves the scene of an I-285 crash, as in the Morgan Porter incident, the evidence clock starts immediately, and not just for ELD records," said Harris Weinstein, Managing Partner of The Weinstein Firm. "DOT number databases, toll plaza cameras, and dashcam footage from surrounding vehicles all have short windows before the trail goes cold. A carrier identified after a hit-and-run can file a discovery stay on the first eligible day of litigation, effectively adding 90 days of potential ELD and GPS data cycle time on top of whatever elapsed during the hit-and-run investigation. That is why the preservation demand cannot wait."

The firm has recovered over $30 million for Georgia personal injury clients, including truck accident victims injured on I-285 and throughout DeKalb County, with attorneys Harris and Michael Weinstein applying the same evidence preservation protocol to Decatur truck accident claims that the firm applies to all catastrophic injury cases. Additional detail is available from the Weinstein Firm Decatur Truck Accident Lawyer resource.

The Weinstein Firm is a personal injury law firm founded in 2013 by brothers Harris and Michael Weinstein, representing truck accident victims, car accident clients, motorcycle riders, and other injury clients throughout Metro Atlanta and statewide Georgia. The firm has recovered over $30 million for Georgia personal injury clients and handles truck accidents, catastrophic injuries, and wrongful death cases on a contingency fee

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