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Commercial Vehicle Crash Near Grand Forks

What: minor-injury crash

Where: northbound Interstate 29, approximately 1 mile north of Grand Forks, ND

When: 02/13/2020 at approximately 1:30 PM

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: 2-Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear-end

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office, Grand Forks Fire, Altru Ambulance, ND DOT, Interstate Towing

Vehicle No. 1: 2019 Peterbilt truck tractor pulling hopper bottom trailer
Driver No. 1: Collin Schroeder; male; age 40; of Steinbach, Manitoba; minor injuries
Restraints: Seat belt worn
Charges: Failed to maintain control (distracted driving resulting in a crash)

Vehicle No. 2: 2019 Freightliner truck tractor pulling dry van trailer
Driver No. 2: Valeri Biniashvili; male; age 54; of Winnipeg, Manitoba; uninjured
Restraints: Seat belt worn
Charges: none

NARRATIVE: Biniashvili was driving the Freightliner north on Interstate 29. Schroeder was driving the Peterbilt north on Interstate 29 at a higher speed than the Freightliner was traveling. The Peterbilt rear-ended the trailer pulled by the Freightliner. The Peterbilt was heavily damaged, as was the Freightliner's trailer.

Schroeder was transported by ambulance to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks with minor injuries. Biniashvili was uninjured.

The right-hand lane of northbound Interstate 29 at the crash location was obstructed for approximately four hours. The left-hand lane remained open.

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