

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | January 18, 2020

## **NDDOT Snow Plow & Tow Truck Struck**

**What:** Three vehicle property crash

**Where:** I-94 MM 300 Westbound, 2 miles east of Oriska

**When:** January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:52 am

**Road Conditions:** Ice and snow covered roadway. Large drifts across entire roadway. I-94 had been closed since 5:00 am on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Weather Conditions:** Falling and blowing snow creating white-out conditions.

**Type of Crash:** Side-swipe collision

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2014 Freightliner towing a van trailer  
**Driver No. 1:** Harshvir Toor, 33 YOA male, Regina, SK – not injured  
**Restraints:** Seat belted  
**Passenger No. 1:** Sunil Kaushal, 26 YOA male, Regina, SK – not injured  
**Charges:** Care Required and Drove on Closed Road

**Vehicle No. 2:** 1986 Freightliner heavy wrecker  
**Driver No. 2:** Richard Triebold, 58 YOA male, Valley City, ND – not injured  
**Restraints:** n/a  
**Passenger No. 2:** Eric Triebold, 33 YOA male, Valley City, ND – not injured  
**Charges:** none

**Vehicle No. 3:** NDDOT 2011 Mack Snow Plow  
**Driver No. 3:** David Pfau, 64 YOA male, Oriska, ND – not injured  
**Restraints:** Seat belted  
**Charges:** none

## **NARRATIVE:**

**I-94 between Bismarck and Fargo closed at 5:00 am on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. While the road was closed, NDDOT plows were working to clear large snow drifts from the roadway. NDHP units were also working on removing vehicles that were impeding the NDDOT plows.**

**At approximately 9:52 am, along westbound I-94 MM 300, a local wrecker service (1986 Freightliner) was towing a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) from the median. The wrecker had its emergency lights flashing and was parked facing eastbound in the westbound passing lane. The wrecker was towing the CMV from the median.**

**A NDDOT snow plow (2011 Mack) came upon the wrecker and was going to attempt to provide traffic control. Before the plow could back up and provide traffic control, another CMV (2014 Freightliner) approached westbound on I-94 on the closed road. The 14' Freightliner side swiped both the snow plow and wrecker, causing damage to both.**

**The driver of the 14' Freightliner was cited for Care Required and Drove on a Closed Road. This vehicle was escorted to Valley City after the collision to exit the closed roadway.**

**There were no injuries in the crash.**

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