Hwy. 18 MM 83 Two Vehicle Crash

What: Two vehicle property damage crash

Where: I-94 MM 296 Eastbound, 2 miles east of Valley City

When: December 23rd at approximately 10:43 am

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Two vehicle rear end crash

Type of Crash: Rear end

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Barnes County SO, Valley City PD, NDDOT

Vehicle No. 1: 2022 Freightliner towing a reefer trailer
Driver No. 1: Andre Lapchin, 59 YOA, Laval, Quebec – no injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt
Citation: Care Required
Passenger No 1: Victor Kuzmitsky, 64 YOA, Laval, Quebec – no injuries

Vehicle No. 2: 2006 Chevrolet Silverado, towing a 20 ft flatbed trailer
Driver No. 2: Michael Steinke, 59 YOA, Hope, ND – no injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt
Charges: None

NARRATIVE:

Steinke was eastbound on I-94 with a load of lumber in the bed of the truck and on the flatbed trailer. He was traveling in the right lane of eastbound I-94 when he was rear-ended by Lapchin.
After the collision, the Freightliner came to rest disabled across both lanes of eastbound I-94. The Chevrolet jack knifed and came to rest on the eastbound shoulder. The load of lumber was spilled into the south ditch and onto the shoulder during the collision.

Traffic was impacted with alternating lane closures for approximate 2 ¼ hours while the scene was cleared.

There were no injuries in the crash. Lapchin was cited for Care Required.

The NDHP was assisted with traffic control by the Barnes County SO, Valley City PD and NDDOT during the entire clean-up effort.

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