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Injury Crash between Vehicle and Train near Grand Forks, ND

What: Injury

Where: 54th Avenue North & North Washington Street/US Highway 81B, approximately 2 miles north of Grand Forks, ND

When: 12/28/2021, approximately 11:30 AM CST

Road Conditions: snow covered

Weather Conditions: snowing

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Train

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office, Manvel Fire & Rescue, Altru Ambulance, BNSF

Vehicle No. 1: 2007 Freightliner panel/delivery van

Driver No. 1: **Travis Forsberg**; male; age 42; of Thief River Falls, MN; serious injuries

Restraints: Seat belt not worn, no air bags

Charges: Crash under investigation

Train: BNSF freight train consisting of 32 empty freight cars and two locomotives

NARRATIVE: Forsberg was driving the Freightliner west on 54th Avenue North, just west of North Washington Street/US Highway 81B. He crossed the railroad tracks at that location at a grade crossing. The Freightliner was struck on the left side and pushed north on the tracks by a northbound BNSF freight train.

The crossing is marked with a rail crossing signs and a yield sign. **The train was traveling approximately 40 mph.**

Forsberg was transported by ambulance to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND, with serious injuries.

No train crew members were injured.

The crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol.

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