

Semi-Truck Tanker Crash

What: Injury

Where: I-29 MP 36 (25 miles South of Fargo)

When: 03/14/2021 at 1245 PM

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Sunny

Crash Involvement: Semi-Truck pulling a tanker trailer

Type of Crash: Semi Truck and trailer jackknifed, and trailer rolled over

Agencies Involved: Richland County Sheriff's Office, Colfax Fire Department, Walcott Fire Department, Breckenridge Ambulance Service, Richland County Emergency Management

Vehicle No. 1: 2013 Freightliner

Driver No. 1: Edward Gitz (67), male, Lengby ND, minor injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt was in use

Charges: Pending

NARRATIVE: Edward Gitz was driving a Freightliner semi-truck north on I-29 from Volga SD to Portage la Prairie MB. The Freightliner was pulling a tanker containing approximately 6,300 gallons of food grade soybean oil. At mile marker 36 the semi drove off the left side of the roadway driving through the median. The Freightliner then crossed both southbound lanes of I-29 and came to rest in the west ditch. The semi and trailer combination jackknifed with the semi remaining upright and the tanker trailer rolling onto its side. Approximately 3,000 gallons

of soybean oil leaked out of the tank. Gitz was transported to the St. Francis Medical Center in Breckenridge MN for minor injuries. No other vehicles were struck during the crash.

This crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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