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## **Wind-Related Commercial Vehicle Crash near Petersburg, ND**

**What:** Property-damage crash

**Where:** eastbound US Highway 2, approximately 1.5 miles east of Petersburg, ND

**When:** 04/06/2022, approximately 12:35 PM

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** strong NNW winds, high-wind warning in effect

**Crash Involvement:** Single-vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rollover

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Nelson County Sheriff's Office, Petersburg Fire & Rescue

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2002 Freightliner truck tractor pulling empty refrigerated trailer

**Driver No. 1:** Dimitar Sotriov; male; age 42; of Mt Prospect, IL; uninjured

**Restraints:** Seat belt in use

**Charges:** Pending

**NARRATIVE:** Sotriov was driving the Freightliner east on US Highway 2, nearing the top of an overpass over the BNSF railroad east of Petersburg, ND. Strong NNW winds caused the empty trailer to tip onto its right-hand side, pulling the truck tractor onto its right-hand side. The vehicle slid partially off the roadway and came to rest with the trailer hanging partially over the right-hand guardrail of the overpass.

Eastbound traffic is impacted with reduced lanes and speed. Removal of the vehicle is ongoing.

The crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol.



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