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CMV Rollover Injury Crash

What: CMV rollover injury crash
Where: I-29 MM 82 - 3 miles south of Gardner, ND
When: March 18, 2022  03:20 A.M.
Road Conditions: Dry
Weather Conditions: Clear
Crash Involvement: 2022 Volvo semi truck hauling a refrigerated trailer loaded with French fries.
Type of Crash: Rollover
Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Cass County Sheriff’s Office, Grandin/Gardner Fire Department, Sanford Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2022 Volvo Tractor Trailer
Driver No. 1: Balbahadur Aulakh, 42 YOA male, Winnipeg, MB - minor injuries
Restraints: Seat belt used
Charges: Under investigation

Passenger No. 1: Rohit Kumar, 34 YOA male, Winnipeg, Manitoba - minor injuries
Restraints: No restraint - in sleeper berth sleeping (co-driver off duty)

NARRATIVE: The 2022 Volvo tractor trailer was south bound on I-29 near MM 82, approximately 3 miles south of Gardner. The semi partially entered the west ditch, and the driver took evasive action to get back onto the road. The trailer the semi was pulling, which was fully loaded, remained in the west ditch causing the semi-truck and trailer to slide...
sideways on the interstate with the trailer in the west ditch and the tractor partially in the median and on the roadway. The combination then tipped onto its passenger side skidding on the interstate and eventually coming to rest in the median facing north bound on its passenger side. The driver and passenger (co-driver) were transported by ambulance to Sanford in Fargo. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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