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Serious Injury Crash on I-94 six miles east of Tappen

What: Serious Injury Crash

Where: I-94 mile marker 220, 6 miles east of Tappen

When: 09/08/22 at 9:12 am.

Road Conditions: Normal

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Semi vs Motorcycle

Type of Crash: Sideswipe while passing

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Kidder County SO, Medina Ambulance and Sanford Air Med

Vehicle No. 1: 2006 Suzuki C90 Cruiser Motorcycle

Driver No. 1: Lee Wegener, 53 years old, Spring Lake Park, MN, Serious Injury

Restraints: No Helmet

Charges: Under Investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2002 Peterbilt semi-truck

Driver No. 2: Tyler Austin, 58 years old, Regent, ND, Not injured

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: Wegener was traveling west in the right lane of I-94 while riding a 2006 Suzuki motorcycle. Austin was traveling west and was in the left lane driving a 2002 Peterbilt semi-truck, pulling a grain trailer. As Austin was passing Wegener, Wegener's motorcycle swerved into the left lane and struck the right outside tire on the first axle of the trailer. Wegener lost control of the motorcycle which landed on its left side as it entered the north ditch, where it eventually came to rest on its right side. Wegener was ejected from the motorcycle during the crash and suffered severe injuries. Wegener was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. He was transported by Medina Ambulance and transferred to Sanford Air and then taken to Sanford Hospital in Bismarck.

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