

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | February 23, 2023

I-94 "ROAD CLOSED" GATE STRUCK

What: Property Damage Only Crash
Where: I-94, Exit 161, eastbound lane, Bismarck
When: About 0930 CT, February 23rd, 2023
Road Conditions: Intermittent ice, minor drifting
Weather Conditions: Ground drifting, good visibility
Crash Involvement: Tractor-Trailer vs. "Road Closed" gate
Type of Crash: Front left of truck struck gate extension covering left lane.
Agencies Involved: Highway Patrol
Vehicle No. 1: 2021 Freightliner truck-tractor with loaded enclosed trailer
Driver No. 1: Nieman Arias, 44 yo, Miami, FL
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: Careless Driving

NARRATIVE:

I-94 was closed from Bismarck to Fargo on 2/22/2023 to 2/23/2023. The public was notified of the road closure using the DOT website/app, dynamic roadside message boards, social media, road closure gates, radio, and television broadcasts. Traffic was parked on the right shoulder waiting for the road to reopen. At approximately 0930, a 2021 Freightliner was traveling east on I-94. The truck encountered the gate across I-94 at exit 161. When the driver saw the gate he tried to stop the truck, but was unable to. The truck struck the gate extension covering the left eastbound lane, causing damage to the entire gate. The truck sustained minor damage. The driver was cited with careless driving for driving faster than conditions allowed to maintain control of his vehicle.

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