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LIVESTOCK/SEMI/PASSENGER CAR INJURY CRASH ON I-94 BY DRISCOLL

What: Minor injury crash

Where: I-94, Exit 190, near Driscoll

When: 1:00 a.m. on 10/7/2024

Road Conditions: Good/Seasonal, dry, advanced warning area for construction zone

Weather Conditions: Clear, excellent visibility, 34 degrees, no wind

Crash Involvement: Semi/livestock, two passenger cars/livestock

Type of Crash: Front end collisions, Semi overturned and had a small fire

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol
Burleigh County Sheriff's Office
North Dakota DOT
Sterling Fire Department
Kidder County Rural Fire

Vehicle No. 1: 2011 Peterbilt Truck-Tractor

Driver No. 1: Ewert Nel, 57, Edmore, ND, Not Injured

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Charges: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2014 Ford Fusion

Driver No. 2: Dina Diamanti, 41, Bigelow, MN Possible Minor Injuries

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Charges: None

Passenger No. 1: Anderson Casteava, 20, Bigelow, MN Possible Minor Injuries

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Passenger No. 2: 13-year-old female juvenile, Bigelow, MN Possible Minor Injuries

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Passenger No. 3: 16-year-old male juvenile, Bigelow, MN Possible Minor Injuries

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Vehicle No. 3: 2024 Ford Escape
Driver No. 3: Kaycee Anderson, 26, Napoleon, ND Minor Injuries
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: None

Property Owner: Gerald Schmidt, 60, Bismarck, ND

NARRATIVE: On 10/7/2024, at approximately 1:00 a.m., a large amount of cattle escaped from a pasture that was adjacent to I-94, exit 190, near Driscoll. An unknown amount of black cattle were at-large. Many of them congregated on I-94 under the exit 190 overpass. A semi hauling refrigerated produce, driven by Ewert Nel, driving east on I-94, impacted the cattle. The semi entered the median and overturned. A small fire ignited on the truck but was put out right away with fire extinguishers. Mr. Nel was not injured.

A 2024 Ford Escape, driven by Kaycee Anderson, was also traveling east on I-94. The Escape struck the cattle. Ms. Anderson sustained minor cuts and bruises and was transported to Sanford Medical Center for treatment.

A 2014 Ford Fusion was traveling west on I-94, driven by Dina Diamanti. The Fusion also struck cattle. There were three passengers in the Fusion. All occupants were transported to CHI/St. Alexius Medical Center for possible/claimed minor injuries.

The owner of the cattle was identified as Gerald Schmidt. Twenty-five (25) cattle were killed in total.

Both lanes of I-94 under exit 190 were obstructed by cattle and vehicles. Traffic was able to be routed onto the exit ramp, over the overpass, and back down the on ramp. The roadway was closed at 1:00 a.m. The westbound lane was opened at approximately 5:05 a.m. The eastbound lane was opened at approximately 6:05 a.m.

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