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**Farm Tractor/Train Property Crash**

**What:** Farm Tractor/Train Property Crash

**Where:** 80th Ave SW, North of Highway 10, 4 miles West of Hebron

**When:** 04/22/2019 9:45 MT

**Road Conditions:** Gravel Roadway, normal condition

**Weather Conditions:** Clear, light wind

**Type of Crash:** Angle

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Stark County Sheriff’s Department, Hebron Fire and Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2006 CAT Tractor

**Driver No. 1:** Mitch Erdle (34 years old), Hebron, Not injured

**Restraints:** None

**Charges:** Failure to stop for railroad crossing marked with stop sign

**NARRATIVE:** Mitch Erdle was traveling northbound on 80th Ave SW from a nearby field to his farm. Erdle was driving a 2006 CAT Tractor which was pulling a drill, grain cart and two anhydrous ammonia tanks. A BNSF train pulling 110 loaded coal cars was traveling eastbound from Glendive to Mandan. Mitch Erdle failed to stop for the marked railroad crossing and the rear anhydrous ammonia tank was struck by the eastbound train. The tank disconnected from the trailer and was thrown into the northeast ditch along the railroad tracks. The tank did not rupture, and no hazardous materials were released. Mitch Erdle and the two occupants of the train were not injured in the crash.

This crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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