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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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