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Jackknifed Semi Closes Down I94 Eastbound for Two Hours

What: Semi trailer with mechanical issues jackknifed causing closure of eastbound I94 for approximately 2 hours.

Where: I94, MM 130, near New Salem

When: Tuesday, August 6, 9:05 pm CST

Road Conditions: Dry road conditions

Weather Conditions: Daylight, partly cloudy

Crash Involvement: 2019 Freightliner Semi Truck and Trailer

Type of Crash: Jackknifed semi

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Morton County Sheriff's Office, New Salem Rural Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2019 Freightliner Semi Truck and Trailer

Driver No. 1: Dennis Howery, 60, Wisconsin

Restraints: Seat belt

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: A semi tractor pulling an enclosed trailer was traveling east bound on Interstate 94 east of New Salem. The semi experienced a mechanical failure to the air system on the truck causing the truck's brakes to engage. The semi and trailer skidded on the roadway crossing both lanes of travel and into the median. The driver corrected back onto the roadway, before jackknifing. The semi and trailer came to rest across both east bound lanes of travel. The interstate was shut down from mile marker 127 to 134 until the semi could be removed from the scene for approximately 2 hours. No injuries were reported from the crash. The crash is being investigated by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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