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Oversize Loads Cause delays in Mandan

NARRATIVE: Troopers responded to Highway 83 and I-94 near Sterling to assist multiple semi-trucks hauling wind turbine blades make the turn onto I-94W from Highway 83. Trucks were hauling the turbine blades from Aberdeen, SD to Glen Ullin. Troopers successfully got all trucks heading west bound on I-94 towards the Bismarck-Mandan Area. Minutes later Troopers took another call that 2 of the trucks veered off their permitted route and took a wrong exit onto the Expressway in Mandan. The trucks then took the exit towards Memorial Highway in Mandan. The trucks got stuck at the intersection of the off ramp and Memorial Highway blocking all lanes of traffic on Memorial Highway.

Troopers responded and escorted the trucks thru the City of Mandan onto old Highway 10 and back to the Interstate. Traffic had to be shut down multiple times at each intersection, so they could make the turns with their long turbine blades. Company hauling the blades was Bulldog Highway Express out of Charleston, SC. Both drivers were cited for violating the terms of their permits.

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