

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | May 21, 2019

Farm equipment strikes bridge overpass causing property damage

What: Property Crash

Where: US Highway 2, mile marker 343, at Emerado, ND

When: May 21, 2019, approximately 9:30 AM

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Vehicle into overpass bridge, then vehicle damage from debris in the roadway

Type of Crash: Fixed object

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Grand Forks Sheriff's Office, Emerado PD

Vehicle No. 1: 2013 Ford F450 pulling a grain cart and air seeder

Driver No. 1: Virgil Duncklee; male; 54 years of age; of Emerado, ND; no injuries

Restraints: Seat belt worn

Charges: Operating without oversize permit and violating height restrictions

Vehicle No. 2: 2019 Peterbilt truck tractor pulling a flat-bed trailer

Driver No. 2: Travis Kizima; male; 45 years of age; of Arthur, ND; no injuries

Restraints: Seat Belt worn

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: Duncklee was driving the 2013 Ford pulling a grain cart and air seeder farm implement west on US Hwy 2. The air seeder struck the overpass at Emerado, ND, as the vehicle traveled underneath. As a result, debris fell onto the roadway. The implement also caused damage to the roadway surface after striking the overpass. The 2019 Peterbilt, driven west by Kizima, struck a piece of debris, causing minor damage to the truck. Neither driver was injured.



The air seeder exceeded legal height restrictions. The North Dakota Department of Transportation determined the overpass was not compromised. Westbound traffic on Hwy 2 was temporarily reduced to one lane. Traffic on 25th Street NE over Hwy 2 was not affected.

For More Information Contact:

Sergeant Ryan Panasuk 701-328-1081
rpanasuk@nd.gov