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Semi vs BNSF Freight Train - Injury Crash - Eddy County, ND

What: Injury Crash

Where: 15th Street NE @ RR Crossing - 3 Miles South and 5 Miles east of New Rockford, ND

When: November 7, 2019 @ 11:03 AM

Road Conditions: Good, Dry, Gravel Roadway Surface

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Semi vs Train

Type of Crash: Angle Collision

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Eddy County Sheriff Department, New Rockford Fire Department, New Rockford Ambulance Service

Vehicle No. 1: 2000 International Harvester
Driver No. 1: Arlo Stedman; 82; Glenfield, ND; Injured
Restraints: None
Charges: Failed to stop for railroad crossing

NARRATIVE: Stedman was traveling westbound on 15th Street NE from a soybean field to a rural grain elevator west of New Rockford. The freight train was traveling in a northwest direction towing 83 freight cars from Dilworth, MN to Minot, ND.

Stedman failed to stop for the approaching freight train at the railroad crossing and the grain trailer was struck by the freight train. Due to the force of the collision, the trailer was sheared in half. The semi and a portion of the grain trailer overturned onto its right side and came to final rest on 15th Street NE. The other half of the grain trailer came to final rest on the north side of the railroad tracks west of the railroad crossing.

Stedman sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported by ambulance to CHI Saint Alexius Health - Carrington Medical Center in Carrington. The BNSF train crew were uninjured in the crash.

15th Street NE was blocked for 3+ hours due to the crash scene investigation and clean-up of the crash scene. The BNSF train and all 83 freight cars remained on the railroad tracks and were able to continue onto Minot after the crash scene was cleared.

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

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