

## **Hwy. 18 MM 83 Two Vehicle Crash**

**What:** Two vehicle property damage crash

**Where:** I-94 MM 296 Eastbound, 2 miles east of Valley City

**When:** December 23<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 10:43 am

**Road Conditions:** Dry

**Weather Conditions:** Clear

**Crash Involvement:** Two vehicle rear end crash

**Type of Crash:** Rear end

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Barnes County SO, Valley City PD, NDDOT

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2022 Freightliner towing a reefer trailer  
**Driver No. 1:** Andre Lapchin, 59 YOA, Laval, Quebec – no injuries  
**Restraints:** Seatbelt  
**Citation:** Care Required  
**Passenger No 1:** Victor Kuzmitsky, 64 YOA, Laval, Quebec – no injuries

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2006 Chevrolet Silverado, towing a 20 ft flatbed trailer  
**Driver No. 2:** Michael Steinke, 59 YOA, Hope, ND – no injuries  
**Restraints:** Seatbelt  
**Charges:** None

### **NARRATIVE:**

Steinke was eastbound on I-94 with a load of lumber in the bed of the truck and on the flatbed trailer. He was traveling in the right lane of eastbound I-94 when he was rear-ended by Lapchin.

After the collision, the Freightliner came to rest disabled across both lanes of eastbound I-94. The Chevrolet jack knifed and came to rest on the eastbound shoulder. The load of lumber was spilled into the south ditch and onto the shoulder during the collision.

Traffic was impacted with alternating lane closures for approximate 2 ¼ hours while the scene was cleared.

There were no injuries in the crash. Lapchin was cited for Care Required.

The NDHP was assisted with traffic control by the Barnes County SO, Valley City PD and NDDOT during the entire clean-up effort.

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