

Report Type
PRIMARY



MINNESOTA STATE PATROL FIELD REPORT

Case #:
21301296

In-Custody? NO	CAD Event: P210374353	Incident Date: 08/04/2021	Incident Time: 17:03
Nature of Incident: 2 VEHICLE ROLLOVER PERSONAL INJURY CRASH			
District: MARSHALL	Station: 2340	County: REDWOOD	Municipality/Twp: THREE LAKES TWP
Location: 27895 67 HWY A64 THRL: EST		Citation #:	
Written By: GLEISNER, MATTHEW		Badge: 470	Report Date 08/04/2021

VEHICLE 1

Vehicle License No: [REDACTED]	State: MN		
Make: INTERNATIONAL - INTL	Model: 9400	Year: 2007	Color: WHITE - WHI
VIN: [REDACTED]			
Business Name: KERKHOFF TRUCKING INC			
Owner Address Street: [REDACTED]	City: MORGAN	State: MN	Zip: 56266
Owner Contact Email:			
Cell Phone: [REDACTED]	Home Phone:	Work Phone:	
Enter Commercial Motor Carrier: YES			

Motor Carrier

Motor Carrier Name: KERKHOFF TRUCKING INC			
Address: Street: [REDACTED]	City: MORGAN	State: MN	Zip: 56266
DOT#: [REDACTED]	Carrier Contact Name: Last: KERKHOFF	First: JOEL	Middle:
Carrier Contact: Email:			
Cell Phone: [REDACTED]	Home Phone:	Work Phone:	

VEHICLE 2

Vehicle License No: [REDACTED]	State: MN		
Make: JEEP	Model: CHEROKEE	Year: 2016	Color: BLUE - BLU
VIN: [REDACTED]			
Owner Name Last: LONDON	First: JULIE	Middle: ANN BLAHA	DOB: 05/02/1970
Owner Address Street: [REDACTED]	City: RAMSEY	State: MN	Zip: 55303
Owner Contact Email:			
Cell Phone: [REDACTED]	Home Phone:	Work Phone:	
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PERSON 1

Subject Name Last: CRAIN	First: PATRICK	Middle: MICHAEL	DOB: 09/15/1950
OLN: [REDACTED]			
Subject Address Street: [REDACTED]	City: FRANKLIN	State: MN	Zip: 55333
Subject Contact Email:			
Sex: Male	Cell Phone: [REDACTED]	Home Phone:	Work Phone:
Involvement: DRIVER	Associated Vehicle: 1		

PERSON 2

Subject Name Last: LONDON	First: JULIE	Middle: ANN BLAHA	DOB: 05/02/1970
OLN: [REDACTED]			
Subject Address Street: [REDACTED]	City: RAMSEY	State: MN	Zip: 55303
Subject Contact Email:			
Sex: Female	Cell Phone: [REDACTED]	Home Phone:	Work Phone:
Involvement: DRIVER	Associated Vehicle: 2		

PERSON 3

Subject Name Last: **FRANZEN** First: **MELISA** Middle: **LOPEZ** DOB: **06/09/1980**
OLN: [REDACTED]
Subject Address Street: [REDACTED] City: **HOPKINS** State: **MN** Zip: **55343**
Subject Contact Email:
Sex: **Female** Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Home Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED]
Involvement: **PASSENGER** Associated Vehicle: **2**

PERSON 4

Subject Name Last: **MINER** First: **CAMERON** Middle: **CHARLES** DOB: **05/15/1903**
OLN: [REDACTED]
Subject Address Street: [REDACTED] City: **REDWOOD FALLS** State: **MN** Zip: **56283**
Subject Contact Email:
Sex: **Male** Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Home Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED]
Involvement: **WITNESS** Associated Vehicle: [REDACTED]

PERSON 5

Subject Name Last: **JENNIGES** First: **JOSEPH** Middle: **CARL** DOB: **07/27/1959**
OLN: [REDACTED]
Subject Address Street: [REDACTED] City: **SPRINGFIELD** State: **MN** Zip: **56087**
Subject Contact Email:
Sex: **Male** Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Home Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED]
Involvement: **WITNESS** Associated Vehicle: [REDACTED]

NARRATIVE

On Wednesday, 8/4/2021, I, Trooper Matthew Gleisner, SP470, was working a scheduled 1600 to 0200 hour shift for the Minnesota State Patrol. I was driving a fully marked State Patrol squad car. Weather was clear and overcast with a slight wind and roads were dry.

At about 1703 hours, I was southbound on US Highway 71 about 2 miles south of Redwood Falls, MN when Minnesota State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Sergeant Sabrina Skold, SP300, notified me over the radio of a two vehicle crash at State Highway 67 and Redwood County Road 13 near Gilfillan Farms. Sgt. Skold asked me to start heading that way as she was already on scene for a separate obligation. I then activated my emergency lights and siren and advised Marshall State Patrol dispatch that I was enroute. Sgt. Skold then advised via radio that there were injuries from the crash and one of the vehicles rolled over into the ditch. At this time the Redwood County Sheriff's Office was dispatching Morgan Fire Department, Morgan Ambulance, Centra Care Ambulance, and Redwood County Sheriff's deputies. Trooper (Trp.) Daniel Walker, SP646, was also enroute to this crash.

At about 1710 hours, I arrived on scene. I observed a white 2007 International Model 19400 Tractor Truck with MN License: [REDACTED] in the southbound lane of Co Rd 13 facing southbound. I also observed a white Ford Explorer with MN License: [REDACTED], registered to Jenniges, Joseph Carl DOB: 7/27/1959, [REDACTED], behind the International truck that was later identified as a witness to the crash. I observed a blue 2016 Jeep Cherokee with MN License: [REDACTED] overturned on its roof in the ditch on the southeast side of the intersection. Next to the Jeep, I was addressed by a male standing on the shoulder, later identified as Miner, Cameron Charles DOB: 5/15/2003, [REDACTED], Redwood Falls, MN 56283, [REDACTED], who stated he was also a witness to the crash. I then observed two females laying on the ground near the Jeep that appeared to be injured. One of the females was later identified as Landon, Julie Ann Blaha DOB: 5/2/1970, who was the driver. The other female was later identified as Franzen, Melisa Lopez DOB: 6/9/1980. nTrp. Walker and Sgt. Skold were both tending to Landon and Franzen. Trp. Walker then advised me to speak with the driver of the International Semi, who was standing by the witness vehicle. During this time, Morgan Ambulance, Morgan Fire Department, and Centra Care Ambulance arrived on scene.

I then spoke with the male driver of the International semi, identified by MN Driver's License as Crain, Patrick Michael DOB: 9/15/1950; [REDACTED], Franklin, MN 55333; [REDACTED]. Crain stated he was uninjured and was driving the semi. Crain stated he was eastbound on Highway 67 approaching Co Rd 13 and the Jeep was driving southbound on Co Rd 13 approaching the stop sign for Highway 67. Crain stated the Jeep then pulled out in front of his semi. Crain stated he did not have much

time to react, but applied his brakes heavily, beginning to skid and swerving to the right to avoid the collision. Crain stated he was driving about 55 to 60 mph before the crash. Crain stated he does not remember completely, but did not see the Jeep stop completely. I then asked Crain if he had any damage to his semi. He pointed out driver's side damage to the cab as well as driver's side rear dual tire damage. Crain later stated his front axle of the rear dual tires had been dislocated. Crain also stated he was wearing his seatbelt.

I then requested Marshall Dispatch to start a tow for the Jeep and began taking pictures of the scene following the path that each vehicle was traveling. There were heavy brake/skid marks in the eastbound lanes of Highway 67 approaching Co Rd 13. The main collision/impact zone appeared to be in the middle eastbound lane and southbound lane of the intersection. It then appeared that the Jeep continued to leave skid marks/scrape marks from the impact zone and carried southeast towards the stop sign for northbound Co Rd 13. The Jeep then hit the stop sign before rolling and overturning onto its roof into the ditch before final rest. The International semi then appeared to turn southbound onto Co Rd 13 and proceeded to heavily apply the brakes. This created more brake/skid marks in the southbound lane of Co Rd 13. The International then came to final rest in the southbound lane, just south of the Co Rd 13/Highway 67 intersection. I then painted the final rest of both vehicles, as well as the skid marks/brake marks.

The intersection of Highway 67/Co Rd 13 is a T intersection. Highway 67 is diagonally offset to Co Rd 13, with shoulders. There is a standard stop sign and "stop ahead" sign for northbound and southbound Co Rd 13, when approaching Highway 67. There is also an electronic sign that reads "traffic approaching" with two flashing amber lights that is to warn both northbound and southbound Co Rd 13 traffic of approaching traffic on Highway 67. All signs, standard and electronic, appeared to be in working operating condition after the crash.

While searching the Jeep, Trp. Walker and I observed that both driver side and passenger side seatbelts were fully extended and showed marks of wear consistent with being used in a crash, indicating both Landon and Franzen were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash. All side curtain airbags were deployed, with blood splatter on the airbags indicating injury. There was also an open unsealed aluminum can of "White Claw Black Cherry" that was located inside the vehicle and a black backpack that was wet from the White Claw appearing that it was spilled. It was not determined if the White Claw container was a factor in the crash. Also located was a blue Yeti cooler with sealed, unopened alcohol containers inside.

I then took more pictures of the scene with the evidence painted. During this time, Trp. Walker left the scene and went to the Redwood Falls Carris Health Hospital to speak with Blaha and Franzen. Sgt. Skold was still at the scene completing a post-crash inspection on the International semi. TNT Towing of Redwood Falls also arrived to tow the Jeep from the scene to their impound lot.

At about 1857 hours, I cleared the scene and went to Redwood Falls Hospital to assist Trp. Walker. Once at the hospital, Trp. Walker asked me to finish the impound tow custody sheet for the Jeep and told me what Blaha's initial statements were. Trp. Walker stated Blaha provided a preliminary breath test (PBT) sample, which resulted in .000 alcohol in her system. Trp. Walker then advised that the alcohol containers may belong to Franzen. I then cleared the hospital.

I went to TNT Towing to complete a tow custody form and crash inventory of the Jeep. During my search, I located the empty White Claw Black Cherry alcohol container and an empty green 12 ounce aluminum can with Spanish writing on it saying "Cocktail de Fruits". I took possession of these items, took additional pictures, and placed them into evidence. I also found an EpiPen on the front passenger floor board, as well as an air freshener can. In the glovebox, I located a grey VHS tape sleeve. Inside the sleeve, I located a black Visa credit card with Blaha's name on it and paper money. I counted the paper money, which consisted of two \$50 bills, one \$20 bill, and five \$10 bills, totaling \$170 dollars. I then took pictures of both items. I then located a black bag on the passenger floorboard with medical supplies in it. In one of the zip lock bags inside the black bag, I noticed a pill bottle container with no markings on it, full of random pills, some looking to be consistent with Ibuprophen. The bag appeared to be a first aid kit. In the backseat, I located another black credit card with Blaha's name on it as well as a silver iMac Apple laptop computer, both laying in the back seat. There was nothing else to inventory in the vehicle. Trp. Walker then advised me the insurance for the Jeep was in the swing down locked compartment above the rear view mirror. I located an expired Progressive Insurance card with Policy # [REDACTED] and provided the information to Trp. Walker.

I then cleared the tow yard.

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Location: 27895 67 HWY A64 THRL: EST		Citation #:	
Written By: SKOLD, SABRINA		Badge: 300	Report Date 08/04/2021

VEHICLE 1

Vehicle License No: [REDACTED]				State: MN
Make: JEEP - JEP	Model: CHEROKEE SPORT	Year: 2016	Color: BLUE - BLU	VIN: [REDACTED]
Owner Name Last: LANDON	First: JULIE	Middle: ANN BLAHA	DOB: 05/02/1970	
Owner Address Street: [REDACTED]	City: RAMSEY	State: MN	Zip: 55303	
Owner Contact Email:				
Cell Phone: [REDACTED]	Home Phone:	Work Phone:		
Enter Commercial Motor Carrier:				

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Carrier Contact: Email: [REDACTED]				
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Subject Name Last: LANDON	First: JULIE	Middle: ANN BLAHA	DOB: 05/02/1970	
OLN: [REDACTED]				
Subject Address Street: [REDACTED]	City: RAMSEY	State: MN	Zip: 55303	
Subject Contact Email:				
Sex: Female	Cell Phone: [REDACTED]	Home Phone:	Work Phone:	
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PERSON 2

Subject Name Last: FRANZEN	First: MELISA	Middle: LOPEZ	DOB: 06/09/1980	
OLN: [REDACTED]				
Subject Address Street: [REDACTED]	City: HOPKINS	State: MN	Zip: 55343	
Subject Contact Email:				
Sex: Female	Cell Phone: [REDACTED]	Home Phone:	Work Phone:	
Involvement: PASSENGER	Associated Vehicle: 1			

PERSON 3

Subject Name Last: **CRAIN**

First: **PATRICK**

Middle: **MICHAEL**

DOB: **09/15/1950**

OLN: [REDACTED]

Subject Address Street: **480 3RD ST S**

City: **FRANKLIN**

State: **MN** Zip: **55333**

Subject Contact Email: [REDACTED]

Sex: **Male**

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Work Phone:

Involvement: **DRIVER**

Associated Vehicle: **2**

NARRATIVE

On August 4, 2021 at approximately 5pm I, Sgt Sabrina Skold of the Minnesota State Patrol was working a detail at Farm Fest in Redwood County, MN on Minnesota Trunk Highway (MNTH) 67.

The detail at Farm Fest was a contracted traffic control detail on MNTH 67 at the uncontrolled main Farm Fest entrance/exit, about 1/2 mile north of the intersection of Redwood County Road (RW CR) 13 and MNTH 67.

I had just finished directing traffic and clearing most of the vehicles out of the parking lot and had pulled into the parking area to use the restroom. As I exited my squad car, I observed two people running towards my squad car. I heard them say there was a crash right there (as they pointed to the intersection of MNTH 67 and RW CR 13). The male stated it was a vehicle vs semi. I advised Marshall dispatch and the troopers working in the station of the crash.

I proceeded to the intersection with my lights activated and observed numerous vehicles parked on the shoulder of MNTH 67 and people running to the southwest corner of the intersection. I observed a semi truck that was half on the road and half on the shoulder facing south on RW CR 13 and a passenger vehicle in the ditch on its roof in the southwest corner of the intersection. I observed black skid marks on MNTH 67 in the south bound lane that then turned onto RW CR 13, stopping at the semi's back tires.

I observed a blue SUV on its roof in the ditch and a female with a red shirt laying on the ground a few feet away from the vehicle. I approached the female on the ground and observed blood coming from her nose. She was trying to call or text someone as I walked up. I asked her if she was okay and advised her not to move until EMS arrived to check her. She stated there was another lady in the vehicle with her and when I looked over, the other female was also out of the vehicle and laying on the ground. There was a male party in a red shirt with an Ivanhoe Fire department logo on it. He stated he was a volunteer fire fighter and his name was Ben. I asked him to go over to the other female on the ground and make sure she doesn't move.

I noted the female in the red shirt had a name tag on her blouse stating her name was Melisa Franzen with the MN Senate District 49. I asked her what had happened and she stated she didn't know. Ms. Franzen was trying to get a hold of Ken, who was part of the DFL Party, but wasn't able to make contact with him. She then made a call to her husband Nate. I spoke with Nate and advised him that she was doing okay and was alert and conscious. I also advised him that Ms. Franzen would be transported from the crash scene by EMS and she would be going to the Redwood Falls Hospital.

I asked Ms. Franzen where they were coming from and she stated Farm Fest. She stated that she didn't know what direction they were coming from, she said she would need to look at the map. I asked her where they were going and she stated to an after party. Ms. Franzen advised me that she was an elected official and Julie (the driver) was the State Auditor.

I spoke with the other female, who was later identified as Julie Ann Blaha Landon DOB 5-2-1970. Ms. Landon was the driver of the passenger vehicle, but stated she doesn't remember what happened after leaving Farm Fest until now, as she was laying on the ground after the crash. I spoke with Ben and again advised him to make sure she

didn't move until EMS arrives to assess her. It was determined there were no other occupants in the vehicle.

Trooper Daniel Walker and Trooper Matthew Gleisner arrived on scene and started taking information from witnesses who were on scene, in an attempt to clear out the traffic that was parked on the shoulders.

The Morgan Fire Department and Ambulance arrived on scene. The fire department assessed the vehicle and took over care for Ms. Landon, while the ambulance crew started assessing Ms. Franzen.

I helped the ambulance crew put the c-spine collar on Ms. Franzen and then assisted with rolling her and placing her on the backboard. She was then taken to the ambulance to continue their assessment. Ms. Franzen was able to call Ken from the DFL Party and I spoke with him and advised him what had occurred. He stated he was on his way to the scene.

I went to look for Ms. Franzen's black backpack that she requested out of the vehicle, which was in the back seat. I was stopped by a Morgan Firefighter and advised that he pulled the black backpack out of the vehicle and as he did so, a White Claw alcoholic beverage came out with the backpack and was spilling out. I advised the Morgan Firefighter to contact Trooper Walker, who was on scene investigating the crash about the alcoholic beverage that he located. I called Minnesota State Patrol Lieutenant Matthew Sorenson and advised him of the crash.

I stepped into the back of the Morgan Ambulance to verify that the black backpack that I had belonged to Ms. Franzen and she stated yes. I asked her for her phone number and she stated [REDACTED] and her husband Nate's phone number was [REDACTED].

I stepped into the Carris Health Ambulance and asked Ms. Landon for her phone number and she stated [REDACTED] and when I requested contact information for a significant other, she stated his name was Roger Landon, but she couldn't recall his phone number without looking at her phone. I advised that her phone was in Ms. Franzen's backpack and she was taking it to the hospital with her.

I spoke with Ken who had arrived at the crash scene. I advised that the driver and passenger from the crash were being assessed by EMS and they would be transported to the Redwood Falls Hospital. I asked him to let EMS personnel do their job and he stated he will head to the hospital. I requested a phone number for Ms. Landon's significant other from Ken, as she couldn't recall it. One of the individuals with Ken stated, they would contact Mr. Landon and advise him of the crash. I advised them that Ms. Franzen had already made contact with her husband, Nate.

Trooper Walker asked if I was going to do the post crash inspection on the semi or hold it until tomorrow. I advised him that I needed to contact my supervisor, Lieutenant Jean Cemensky and let her know what was going on. I spoke with Lt. Cemensky and advised her of the crash. She requested that I stay and complete the post crash inspection.

I spoke with the driver of the semi and advised him that I would be doing the post crash inspection this evening. The ambulances cleared and transported Ms. Franzen and Ms. Landon to the Redwood Falls Hospital.

I completed the post crash inspection on the white semi bearing Minnesota registration [REDACTED] (2007 International semi), registered to Kerkhoff Trucking, Inc out of Morgan, MN. The driver of the semi was identified by his Minnesota drivers license, as Patrick Michael Crain DOB: 9-15-1950. Crain stated he was wearing his seatbelt and was not injured as a result of the crash. I followed the semi back to the truck shop, about a mile away and finished up my paperwork.

After finishing the inspection, I headed to the Redwood Falls Hospital to speak with Trooper Daniel Walker, who was investigating the crash. Trooper Walker advised that Ms. Franzen had admitted that the White Claw beverage was hers from earlier in the day and was attached to her backpack. She stated she had forgot about it, but did not consume anything in the vehicle. Trp Walker told me that Ms. Franzen stated that Ms. Landon was driving the vehicle and they were traveling south on RW CR 13 and that they approached the stop sign, but didn't stop all the way and then proceeded into the intersection.

I spoke with Ms. Franzen to see how she was doing and she stated she was doing pretty good, but just couldn't believe they are walking away with hardly any injuries. Ms. Franzen stated she just has some bumps and bruises and was sore. She was holding an ice pack up to the left side of her mouth. Ms. Franzen's husband, Nate was in the room with her at the hospital.

I checked in with Ms. Landon, who was joking around with the nurse when I entered the room. Ms. Landon stated she was feeling fine and not in pain. Ms. Landon was just heading down to get some X-Rays, before the c-spine collar came off.

I cleared the hospital about 8:30pm.

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OLN: [REDACTED]
Subject Address Street: [REDACTED] City: **RAMSEY** State: **MN** Zip: **55303**
Subject Contact Email: [REDACTED]
Sex: **Female** Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Home Phone: Work Phone:
Involvement: **DRIVER** Associated Vehicle: **2**

PERSON 3

Subject Name Last: **FRANZEN** First: **MELISA** Middle: **LOPEZ** DOB: **06/09/1980**
OLN: **[REDACTED]**
Subject Address Street: **[REDACTED]** City: **HOPKINS** State: **MN** Zip: **55343**
Subject Contact Email: **[REDACTED]**
Sex: **Female** Cell Phone: **[REDACTED]** Home Phone: **[REDACTED]** Work Phone: **[REDACTED]**
Involvement: **PASSENGER** Associated Vehicle: **2**

PERSON 4

Subject Name Last: **JENNIGES** First: **JOE** Middle: **CARL** DOB: **07/27/1980**
OLN: **[REDACTED]**
Subject Address Street: **[REDACTED]** City: **SPRINGFIELD** State: **MN** Zip: **56087**
Subject Contact Email: **[REDACTED]**
Sex: **Male** Cell Phone: **[REDACTED]** Home Phone: **[REDACTED]** Work Phone: **[REDACTED]**
Involvement: **WITNESS** Associated Vehicle: **[REDACTED]**

PERSON 5

Subject Name Last: **MINER** First: **CAMERON** Middle: **CHARLES** DOB: **05/15/2003**
OLN: **[REDACTED]**
Subject Address Street: **[REDACTED]** City: **REDWOOD FALLS** State: **MN** Zip: **56283**
Subject Contact Email: **[REDACTED]**
Sex: **Male** Cell Phone: **[REDACTED]** Home Phone: **[REDACTED]** Work Phone: **[REDACTED]**
Involvement: **WITNESS** Associated Vehicle: **[REDACTED]**

NARRATIVE

On 8/4/2021 at approximately 1703 hrs, I, Trooper Daniel Walker badge 646 was working my regular scheduled shift 1400-2400 hrs, I responded to a two vehicle personal injury crash on Highway 67 and Redwood County Road 13. A blue Jeep Cherokee traveling south on County Road 13 failed to yield the right of way to a white semi without a trailer, traveling east on Highway 67.

I arrived on scene at approximately 1709 hrs., Trooper Sabrina Skold badge 300 was already on scene when I arrived. Upon arrival, I observed a blue Jeep Cherokee on its roof in the ditch on the east side of County Road 13 and a white semi without a trailer parked on the west shoulder of County Road 13.

Trooper Skold was by the passenger side of the blue Jeep Cherokee with Minnesota license plate: **[REDACTED]**. I spoke with the passenger, Melisa Lopez Franzen 06/09/1980, later identified by her Minnesota driver's license. I went to check on the driver of the Jeep Cherokee, Julie Ann Blaha Landon 05/02/1970, later identified by her Minnesota driver's license.

Blaha was with an off duty firefighter and was lying on the ground near the Jeep Cherokee. Blaha was conscious and had no complaints of pain. I asked Blaha what happened she stated that they were coming from Farm Fest and heading to another event.

Morgan Ambulance arrived on scene. I then spoke with Cameron Charles Miner 05/15/2003, who stated he witnessed the crash. Miner stated the white semi was traveling east on Highway 67 towards Morgan. Miner stated the Jeep Cherokee was traveling south on County Road 13. Miner said he was not sure if the Jeep Cherokee stopped at the stop sign. Miner was traveling west on Highway 67 at the time of the crash.

Trooper Mathew Gleisner badge 470 arrived on scene and spoke with the driver of the white semi license plate **[REDACTED]**. The driver of the white semi, Patrick Michael Crain 09/15/1950, stated he was traveling east on Highway 67, when the Jeep Cherokee pulled out in front of him. Crain stated he was going highway speeds, 55-60 mph, at the time of the crash. The speed limit on Highway 67 in the area of the crash is 60 mph. Crain stated he tried to avoid the collision, slammed on his brakes and attempted to turn away from the Jeep Cherokee. Crain said he was coming from Central Bi and going back to Kerkhoff's trucking.

While checking the scene, I observed the stop sign at Highway 67 and County Road 13 (for northbound traffic) was knocked

down as a result of the crash. I contacted dispatch to notify MNDOT and advise them a temporary stop sign was needed at this location. I noted dark skid marks on Highway 67 from the white semi braking. I did not observe any brake marks from the Jeep Cherokee traveling south on County Road 13.

I spoke with a second witness Joe Carl Jenniges 07/27/1959, who stated he was behind the white semi at the time of the crash. Jenniges stated the white semi clamped on the brakes and started going sideways to avoid the collision.

After I spoke with Jenniges, a firefighter approached me and said when he went to retrieve a black backpack from the vehicle an opened White Claw was in the bag. The black backpack was located on the roof of the Jeep Cherokee towards the back seat. The firefighter said contents of the White Claw came out when he was retrieving the bag and it was still cold. I looked at the black bag and it appeared a small amount of the White Claw had come out of the can onto the bag. The White Claw can was cold to the touch. I also located a Yeti cooler in the back of the Jeep Cherokee with other alcoholic beverages.

I cleared the crash scene and arrived at the Redwood Hospital at approximately 1824 hours. At approximately 1852 hours, in Trauma Room 1 of the Redwood Hospital, I interviewed Blaha. Blaha stated she did not remember much from what happened at the crash. She stated she was driving and they were coming from Farm Fest and traveling to Ted Suss' Farm for a DFL fundraiser. Blaha was not sure exactly where Ted Suss' Farm was located, but she was using by her GPS. Blaha stated she was not familiar with the area. Blaha said she had taken a nap in her car at Farm Fest, because it had been a long day and she wanted to rest before they left for Ted Suss' Farm. Blaha said she takes a prescription [REDACTED]. Blaha stated she has taken it for years and does not affect her ability to drive. Blaha said she did not consume any alcoholic beverages at Farm Fest. When I told her we located an opened White Claw in the vehicle, Blaha told me she had no idea it was in there. I asked Blaha if she was willing to take a pre-breathalyzer test (PBT) and she stated, "hell yes". PBT results were zero and I saw no signs of impairment from Blaha. Blaha told me the Yeti cooler and black backpack was Franzen's. Blaha stated Franzen had put all her things in the back of the vehicle before they left, but could not say for certain that everything went into the back hatch of the Jeep Cherokee.

After my interview with Blaha, I interviewed Franzen at approximately 1910 hours in the Redwood Hospital Trauma Room 2. Franzen stated they were leaving Farm Fest for Ted Suss' in Lucan, MN. Franzen stated she was on a phone call with ear buds in and making comments about the phone call to Blaha. Franzen stated she remembered slowing, but was not sure if they came to a complete stop. Franzen stated she was not paying attention, because she was not driving. Franzen stated they had an hour before they were going to leave for Ted Suss' while at Farm Fest, so Blaha took a nap in the vehicle. Franzen stated Blaha was rested and ready to go. Franzen said that Blaha did not consume any alcohol while at Farm Fest. Franzen said she had two White Claws while they were at Farm Fest. Franzen stated the White Claw that was in the black backpack was empty and she just takes all her trash with her. Franzen stated the Yeti cooler and the black backpack were hers.

Franzen and Blaha were both treated at the Redwood Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Franzen was released from the hospital. Blaha requested to stay at the hospital overnight as a precaution.

Assisting agencies were the Redwood County Sheriff's office, Morgan Fire/Ambulance and CentraCare Ambulance.

The Jeep Cherokee was towed to the TNT tow lot. Blaha gave permission for the DFL group that came to the hospital to collect her personal items out of the vehicle.

A post-crash inspection was completed by Trooper Skold.

I cleared Redwood Hospital at approximately 2213 hrs.

ATTACHMENT 1

Attachment Description



MINNESOTA STATE PATROL FIELD REPORT

In-Custody? **NO** CAD Event: **P210374728** Incident Date: **08/04/2021** Incident Time: **17:00**
Nature of Incident: **PCI- 10-52**
District: **MARSHALL** Station: **2340** County: **REDWOOD** Municipality/Twp: **THREE LAKES TWP**
Location: **27895 67 HWY A64 THRL: EST** Citation #:
Written By: **SKOLD, SABRINA** Badge: **300** Report Date **08/04/2021**

VEHICLE 1

Vehicle License No: [REDACTED] State: **MN**
Make: **INTERNATIONAL - INTL** Model: **9400** Year: **2007** Color: **WHITE - WHI** VIN: [REDACTED]
Business Name: **KERKHOFF**
Owner Address Street: [REDACTED] City: **MORGAN** State: **MN** Zip: **56266**
Owner Contact Email: [REDACTED]
Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Home Phone: Work Phone:
Enter Commercial Motor Carrier: **YES**

Motor Carrier

Motor Carrier Name: **KERKHOFF TRUCKING INC**
Address: Street: [REDACTED] City: **MORGAN** State: **MN** Zip: **56266**
DOT#: [REDACTED] Carrier Contact Name: Last: **KERKHOFF** First: Middle:
Carrier Contact: Email: [REDACTED]
Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Home Phone: Work Phone:

PERSON 1

Subject Name Last: **CRAIN** First: **PATRICK** Middle: **MICHAEL** DOB: **09/15/1950**
OLN: [REDACTED]
Subject Address Street: [REDACTED] City: **FRANKLIN** State: **MN** Zip: **55333**
Subject Contact Email: [REDACTED]
Sex: **Male** Cell Phone: Home Phone: Work Phone:
Involvement: **DRIVER** Associated Vehicle: **1**

NARRATIVE

On August 4, 2021 at approximately 5pm I, Sgt Sabrina Skold with Minnesota State Patrol assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Section was on duty working a detail event at Farm Fest in Redwood County, MN.

I was approached by some individuals, who advised me of a crash that occurred at the intersection of Minnesota Highway 67 and Redwood County road 13. The individuals advised they thought it was a semi vs car.

I proceeded to the intersection and noticed a semi that was bobtailing parked facing south halfway on the road on Redwood County road 13. I observed a passenger vehicle in the southeast ditch of the intersection.

I assisted in rendering aide to the individuals in the ditch. After all the individuals were treated and taken from the scene, I spoke with the semi driver.

I contacted Minnesota State Patrol Lieutenant Jean Cemensky and advised her of the crash, she advised me to stay on and to do the post crash inspection this evening.

Once all the emergency trucks and medical personal were clear of the scene, I started my post crash inspection on the semi.

The semi bearing Minnesota registration [REDACTED], came back to a 2007 International semi registered to Kerkhoff Trucking Inc out of Morgan, MN. The semi displayed the name Kerhoff Trucking Inc., with USDOT# [REDACTED] on both sides of the vehicle. The vehicle also had unit number K-13 affixed to it and a Minnesota annual inspection from December 2020. The mileage on the semi was 1552944.

The driver of the vehicle was identified by his Minnesota driver's license photo as Patrick Michael Crain DOB: 9/15/1950. Crain had a valid commercial driver's license and valid medical card. I gathered the cab card, insurance, and log book from the driver. Crain stated he was not injured and was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash.

Crain stated he started his day out in Morgan, MN and then headed to Central Bi to pick up a trailer to start his day. Crain stated he stays within a 100 miles from the home base and just keeps paper logs for himself for his hours worked. Crain was heading south on Minnesota 67 towards Morgan, MN

to the shop, as he was done for the day. His last load was from Marshall, MN to Central Bi in Redwood Falls, MN.

During my inspection I noted the following violations:

Post crash:

- #2 axle pushed out of normal position, axle moved to the right, #2L sheered axle pin
- #2 Left brake chamber audible air leak from chamber(ruptured diaphragm)
- #3Left brake chamber audible air leak from chamber-non manufactured hole
- #2 left outside dual tire has a cut in the sidewall and can see cords in the cut
- Left side battery box under drivers door(under step) there are 4 battery's and the 2nd one on the outside is leaking on the bottom corner
- under hood on the left side, hydraulic leak from connection

Owner Joel Kerkhoff arrived on scene and had the driver drive the vehicle back to his shop, which was about 1 mile away from crash scene. Crain took the back gravel roads to the house with me following. You could see the drive tires move and driver stated he could really feel the truck pulling. The semi was placed out of service at the shop on Porter Ave.

Inspection # MN0ADS000767

Photos taken of semi

Inspection audio and video recorded from squad camera

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MINNESOTA STATE PATROL FIELD REPORT

Case #:
21301296

In-Custody? NO	CAD Event: P210374353	Incident Date: 08/04/2021	Incident Time: 17:03
Nature of Incident: TAPED WITNESS STATEMENTS			
District: MARSHALL	Station: 2340	County: REDWOOD	Municipality/Twp: THREE LAKES TWP
Location: 27895 67 HWY A64 THRL: EST		Citation #:	
Written By: GLEISNER, MATTHEW		Badge: 470	Report Date 08/05/2021

NARRATIVE

On Wednesday, 8/4/2021, I, Trooper Matthew Gleisner, SP470, conducted a telephone interview with witness Miner, Cameron Charles DOB: 5/15/2003, 507-217-7844, 324 Sunrise Blvd, Redwood Falls, MN 56283. I was in my squad at the Redwood County Sheriff's Office while conducting this interview. This interview began at 2055 hours with voluntary consent from Miner.

Miner stated he was westbound on Highway 67 approaching Redwood County Road 13 when he observed the crash. Miner stated weather was clear and roads were dry. Miner stated the semi was eastbound on Highway 67 and the Jeep was southbound on Redwood County Road 13. Miner stated the Jeep didn't exactly roll through the stop sign, but slowed down to about 3mph and paused for about five seconds before continuing through the intersection. Miner stated the semi appeared to slow down from 50mph before hitting the brakes. The semi then struck the Jeep in the passenger side, causing the Jeep to spin out. Miner could tell the semi was braking heavily due to the brake marks he observed afterwards, as well as the worn out tires from braking. Miner stated there was no swerving maneuvers to avoid the crash and the semi didn't have much of a reaction time. Miner stated he didn't notice any other distractions and that there were no traffic control devices for Highway 67, but there were traffic control devices for Co Rd 13. Miner stated he was the first person to approach the Jeep and noticed two females inside the Jeep hanging from their seatbelts, conscious and talking. Miner had nothing more to add or say. This recorded interview was concluded at 2109 hours.

At about 2122 hours, I conducted a telephone interview with Jenniges, Joseph Carl DOB: 7/27/1959, [REDACTED], Springfield, MN 56187, [REDACTED]. This interview was given under voluntary consent and was audio tape recorded. Jenniges stated he was eastbound on Highway 67 in a white Ford Explorer following about a quarter of a mile behind the semi. Jenniges stated weather was clear/overcast and roads were dry. Jenniges stated he had been following the semi from Redwood Falls to the crash scene, but noticed the semi about 3 or 4 miles prior. Jenniges stated the semi had been driving at the posted speed limit as Jenniges was too and he was maintaining a consistent speed and distance behind it. Jenniges stated he observed the Jeep southbound on Co Rd 13 approaching the intersection and slowing down, but didn't necessarily see it stop. Jenniges stated the semi then hit its brakes hard, causing it to skid sideways, with its taillights skidding towards the center line and its headlights towards the south ditch. Jenniges stated the semi appeared to be steering to the right to avoid the crash and thought the semi was successful in doing so. After the semi turned off onto Co Rd 13, Jenniges then noticed the Jeep overturned in the ditch and realized the two vehicles did hit. Jenniges stated the semi's brake lights were activated while it braked. Jenniges had nothing more to add or say. This phone interview was concluded at 2137 hours.

On Thursday, 8/5/2021 at about 1720 hours, I conducted a telephone interview with Morgan Fire Department Assistant Chief Justin Blomeke. This phone call was audio taped. Chief Blomeke stated he discovered the open container of "White Claw Black Cherry" in the Jeep at the scene of the crash. Blomeke stated he was looking for a black backpack that someone needed out of the vehicle. Blomeke stated he opened up the drivers door and found th backpack behind the driver's seat on the roof of the car near the "B" pillar. Blomeke stated he grabbed the backpack strap and pulled it out. He then stated the can of White Claw came out with it and spilled all over the backpack and himself. Blomeke stated the backpack was zipped up, indicating the White Claw container was not inside the backpack. Blomeke guessed that the contents of the can was pretty full due to how much spilled out. Blomeke also stated the can was very cold, indicating it was opened very recently. Blomeke had nothing more to say about the discovery. This phone interview was concluded at about 1724 hours.

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