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## **PRESS RELEASE – MOTOR VEHICLE VERSUS TRAIN CRASH**

On 04-06-18 at 1:52 PM the Dodge County Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle versus train crash on CTH BB south of STH 16/60 in the Town of Elba, Dodge County, Wisconsin.

Preliminary investigation shows that a Freightliner truck (towing an open trailer) was traveling south on CTH BB approaching the railroad crossing south of STH 16/60. The rail crossing gate arms were down and the lights were flashing for an Amtrak train which was approaching and traveling east at approximately 80 MPH. The Freightliner began to skid and maneuver sharply to the left/east but struck the third and fourth cars on the train.

The train consisted of two engines and eleven passenger/baggage cars. There were 300 passengers and 11 crew members aboard, none of which were injured in the crash.

The driver/lone occupant of the Freightliner sustained injuries in the crash and was transported to Columbus Hospital by Lifestar EMS.

The crash remains under investigation by the Dodge County Sheriff's Office and the Amtrak Police.

Assisting at the scene were Columbus Fire Department and Lifestar EMS.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.