



NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 16-18070

On September 14, 2016 at approximately 8:57 p.m., Portage Police and Fire units were dispatched to an accident on westbound I-94 between S. Westnedge Avenue and Oakland Drive. Once on scene, it was learned that an SUV was traveling west on I-94 when it drifted out of its lane and in front of a semi-tractor trailer, which then struck the SUV from behind. The collision caused the SUV to then hit the center concrete divider. As a result of the collision, the semi-tractor trailer also collided with the center concrete divider.

The driver of the SUV, a 19-year-old female from Portage, was transported to the hospital with apparent non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the semi-tractor trailer was a 45-year-old male from Ontario, Canada, and he was also transported to the hospital with apparent non-life threatening injuries.

Two of the three lanes for westbound I-94 were closed for approximately 90 minutes. Fatigue appears to be a factor in this accident.

Anyone with information regarding this accident is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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