



# ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: 01/20/2016 INCIDENT TIME: 0951  
INCIDENT LOCATION: CSAH 7/CSAH 101, Mountain Iron

INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED: (Refer to News Media Policy-Rules III A.1 Thru 4: Procedures B.1, A thru J & 1; 2b; 3b; g & h; 4a, b, & c)

Name: James Floyd Saatela Age: 67 Address: Iron, MN

Name: Age: Address:

## INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Saatela was driving a tractor/trailer and had just completed a commercial vehicle inspection. He pulled onto the driving lane of CSAH 7 as a train was approaching the crossing sounding the horn. The red lights were flashing on the crossing signs. Saatela did not stop and was just beginning to cross the tracks when the train engine collided with his truck. The truck was dragged several hundred feet west of the crossing by the train.

Case #16-013713

## ASSISTING AGENCIES:

Minnesota State Patrol, Mountain Iron Fire Dept., Eveleth Police Dept., Virginia Ambulance & Fire Dept.

AUTHORITY: Sgt. John Backman DATE: 01-21-2016 TIME: 1525

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

Sgt. Backman can be reached at [backmanj@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:backmanj@stlouiscountymn.gov)

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