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PRESS RELEASE

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On Friday, December 15, at 8:54 a.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a motor vehicle accident that occurred at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing with Elm Street in Hospers, IA.

Harlan Van Otterloo, age 60, of Hospers was driving a 2015 Kalmar semi-tractor pulling a freight trailer eastbound on Elm Street. A northbound Union Pacific locomotive pulling two additional locomotives and 81 train cars was approaching the Elm Street crossing. Van Otterloo reported that the semi became stuck on the crossing, Van Otterloo jumped from the semi-tractor and the locomotive struck the semi-tractor in the crossing.

No injuries were reported.

The Kalmar sustained approximately \$2,000 in damage. The locomotive sustained approximately \$1,000 in damage.

