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Date: October 15, 2020

Reference: Tractor Trailer Collision

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On October 14, 2020 at or about 11:15pm, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a single vehicle collision involving a commercial vehicle approximately 12 miles South of Eddyville on KY 93 South near the Lamasco community.

The investigation by Deputy Joe Witherspoon revealed that a semi driver was re-routed incorrectly by a Google Traffic Maps application whereby it routed him off of East bound I-24 and put him on a secondary route of KY 93 South. The navigational aid incorrectly showed Interstate 24 was closed due to a construction zone. As a point of clarification, this is not correct, as I-24 remains open during the construction work but is reduced to 2-way traffic running in the Westbound lanes between Milepost 52 and 65.

This collision event happened when the trailer in tow by the semi-truck slipped off the pavement on the right side of the roadway on KY 93 South. This caused the operator to lose control. The semi-truck and trailer continued into a ditch until overturning on its side. The overturning event resulted in the trailer losing its entire load of contents from its flat-bed trailer; this being square steel tubing.

The driver was not injured in the collision; however, the entire roadway was shut down until 6:35am this morning.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Eddyville Fire Department, Lyon County Fire District 1, Lyon County EMS, Kentucky State Police, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

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