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SEMI-TRUCK CRASH RESULTS IN CLOSURE OF OVERPASS

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Northfield Township, Washtenaw County: On June 17th at approximately 8:30 p.m. troopers from the Brighton Post were dispatched to the area of southbound US-23 expressway at the Joy Road overpass for a traffic crash involving a 2023 International semi-truck. The semi-truck being driven by a 51-year-old male from Purvis, Mississippi was traveling southbound on US-23 hauling a backhoe on a flatbed trailer. The boom of the backhoe struck the Joy Road bridge causing damage to the bridge. There were no injuries from the crash and no other vehicles were involved. The driver was issued a traffic citation for causing/allowing a vehicle to be operated over height. The Michigan Department of Transportation has closed the Joy Rd overpass indefinitely while the damage to the bridge is being evaluated. Motorist are advised to take an alternate route to their destination.

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