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Tanker Rollover Closes Freeway for Almost Four Hours

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County sheriff's deputies responded to a tanker truck rollover this morning at about 11:15 a.m. on I-94 eastbound just west of 27th Street. A 46-year-old male driver tried to avoid traffic slowing ahead of him by switching lanes, causing the load on his truck to shift. He lost control of the truck, which struck the median wall and flipped onto its side, sliding about 20 yards. The driver did not claim any injuries.

The tanker blocked all eastbound lanes, and about 100 canisters broke free and landed in all eastbound lanes and a westbound distress lane. Several of the canisters were compromised and leaked liquid oxygen, which did not pose a danger to the public. The truck also struck a light pole, and electricians were called to make any necessary repairs.

The freeway was closed until just before 3:00 p.m.

Traffic / Scene management consisted of the following:

- All E/B I94 traffic had to be diverted off at 35th street
- The E/B I94 35th street on ramp was shut down
- Lane three of the W/B I94 traffic was shut down
- The south to the east in the stadium was shut down

Additional responding resources in addition to sheriff's deputies included the following:

- MFD E16, T9, T2, R1 and HazMat, Battalion Chief No.3
- Ray's Towing
- Welding Supply Company – to retrieve canisters
- County Electrician
- County Highway Supervisors
- Milwaukee Police Department (Traffic Control 35th Street off/on ramps)

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