

**Pertinent Extracted Audio Transcription(s) of Casselton, ND Incident Involving Trains G RYLRGT9 26 and U FYNHAY4 05 on December 30, 2013 (Audio Captured from the Minot East Dispatcher Work Station and Side Phone)**

**14:12:34 seconds – December 30, 2013:**

**Service Interruption Desk:** Service Interruption Desk.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Yes sir, Dan here, Minot East Dispatcher, DS 91. KO Sub; got a 4934 that says their train is everywhere and on fire. I don't...they said they had to go and ran. I don't know what's on fire to be honest with you.

**Service Interruption Desk:** 4934, well were at?

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Their around MP, CP 30 and 28.4; so between MP 30 and 28.4 on Main number 2.

**Service Interruption Desk:** Ah do we have a derailment or what?

**Minot East Dispatcher:** I guess so. I, I... he just said emergency, emergency, along with the train is on fire, we are everywhere. He said the train was everywhere so I am assuming we have a derailment it's a Key Train.

**Service Interruption Desk:** Alright, okay we'll get right on it.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Ok you need a train symbol?

**Service Interruption Desk:** Ah, yea go ahead.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** U F, Y, N, H, A, Y, 4, 05T.

**Service Interruption Desk:** If he can possibly get it, see if you can kind of narrow down this ah location.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** I will, I have a maintainer out there close to the area to, I'll talk to him. (Phone conversation ends).

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Minot East Dispatcher 4934, over. Minot; Minot East Dispatcher signal maintainer, over.

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**14:17:52 seconds – December 30, 2013:**

**Minot East Dispatcher (2<sup>nd</sup> shift dispatcher on radio):** 6990, you guys thinking you can cut and run and just leave the cars.

**Minot East Dispatcher (1<sup>st</sup> shift dispatcher on phone):** Hello. Is this Pete with the train derailed?

**Unknown:** Excuse me?

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Who is this?

**Unknown:** Eric.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** I am sorry, I got the wrong number. Is this 701-527-8468?

**Unknown:** Nope this is 8498.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Sorry, thanks a lot bye-bye.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Hello is this Pete with the train at Casselton.

**Conductor Riepl:** Yes I am.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Hey, I know you're, this is Dan the Minot East Dispatcher.

**Conductor Riepl:** Yea we derailed big time.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay that is what I understand. Do you know where you derailed at exactly by chance?

**Conductor Riepl:** What milepost is this? We are right at the switch.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Are you far enough, first of all are you far enough away from the train to be, are you a safe distance away from the train?

**Conductor Riepl:** We're only about a quarter of a mile if that.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay.

**Conductor Riepl:** We're trying to get away. It's a huge fire...Minot East Dispatcher.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay, are you guys, are you guys, okay are you guys safe right now? Is anybody hurt?

**Engineer Thompson:** Hey dispatcher it's Engineer Thompson I am the Local Chairman here.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay, is anyone hurt right now?

**Engineer Thompson:** No, our train...we're shaken up but we're good.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay.

**Engineer Thompson:** It looks like the train on Main Track 1 picked or something at the switch there.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay I heard the maintainer talking on that, okay.

**Engineer Thompson:** Yea and they picked it or something it's all torn apart. We had an approach medium at Casselton, we came through their dust storm and I saw their car lying across the track.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay and you hit the car? You hit the car on Main 1?

**Engineer Thompson:** Oh yea. Our engines are completely engulfed.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay.

**Engineer Thompson:** And fire, I mean we need to get farther away.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Oh I understand.

**Engineer Thompson:** We haven't blown up yet.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay, I just, just try to get as much information as I can for the local authorities. If you need to call me back that's fine.

**Engineer Thompson:** They need fire trucks and they need a lot of them.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay, I will let them know and you're right at milepost, right at the switch at Casselton, right in there, around 28

**Engineer Thompson:** Yea we're walking in to Casselton, I think I see Ron Davidsons truck.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay, alright, I'm, I'm just trying to find out what I can. If you need anything you know let me know but I just want to make sure you're safe; I'll let you go.

**Engineer Thompson:** Just to let someone laugh a little, I need a new IPAD.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** (Laughter) Yea, I'm sure they'll get right on that. (Laughter) Okay Boyd.

**Engineer Thompson:** We're good, we're good sir. We're good.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Hey, you're... Okay I'll let out guys know down here, thank you much.

**Engineer Thompson:** My conductor, he does, he's covered in smoke.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay.

**Engineer Thompson:** And I am to a little bit but I think...

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Where are you headed to? Do you want us to send an ambulance to you guys to have him looked at?

**Engineer Thompson:** No I don't want a god dang ambulance, I'll ride with somebody.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay, well I didn't know if he needed anything or not so.

**Engineer Thompson:** No, he said his lungs hurt, I mean it's as black as smoke as you'd ever see it.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Okay, okay, alright I'll let you go. Let me get the emergency responders going and we'll see what we can do.

**Engineer Thompson:** Alright thank you sir.

**Minot East Dispatcher:** Bye.