

Rail Accident Inspection Form

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Docket No: TR-160743

Current Date: March 29, 2017

Railroad Owning Track: BNSF Railway Company

Railroad Operating on Track: BNSF Railway Inc.

FRA Investigation: Yes No

Inspector: Thome

I. Type of Accident

Public Crossing Private Crossing Trestle Pedestrian at Crossing
 Pedestrian Not at Crossing Other (explain)

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II. Time and Location of Accident

Date May 14, 2016 Time 2320 hours
 USDOT Crossing No. _____ WUTC Crossing No. _____
 Railroad Milepost 71.4 GPS Identifier: Lat: 47.65715 Long: -117.41095
 Number of Tracks: Three (3) City: Spokane, Washington
 Road name, yard name, bridge identifier: Division County: Spokane
 Company responsible for track maintenance: BNSF Railway Inc.
 Other railroad involved in train accident/incident: N/A

III. Conditions Surrounding the Accident

Weather: Clear to cloudy Fog Rain Snow
 Road Condition: Dry Wet Snow Ice
 Visibility Due to Weather: Daylight Darkness Unknown
 Adequate Sight Distance: Yes No N/A Train Speed: 22 mph
 Describe: _____
 Train Type: Freight Passenger Locomotive only Cars only Tilt train
 Remote Control: Yes No N/A Haz-Mat on Train: Yes No N/A
 Type of Haz-Mat: N/A

IV. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Fatalities Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people killed One (1) If a vehicle accident, number of passengers _____
 Name: Benjamin Scott Oien
 Driver: Passenger Pedestrian Age 24 Gender: Male Female
 Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No Suicide: Yes No Undetermined
 Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined Information supplied by: WSP- Toxicology Laboratory
 Drugs: Yes No Undetermined Information supplied by: WSP- Toxicology Laboratory
 Names of additional fatalities: _____

V. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Injuries

Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people injured _____

If a vehicle accident, number of passengers _____

Name: _____

Driver: Passenger Pedestrian

Age _____ Gender: Male Female

Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No

Drugs: Yes No Undetermined

Suicide: Yes No Undetermined

Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined

Names of additional injured persons:

VI. Pedestrian Access

Does this section apply? Yes No

Obvious signs of consistent pedestrian trespass? Yes No

If yes, describe: Within Division UC and Sprague UC

Pedestrian (not at a crossing) information: Accessing public area? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Deterrents at site, e.g. fence, signs, etc? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

VII. Crossing History

Does this section apply? Yes No

Prior accidents at this crossing? Yes No

How many? One (1)

Dates of prior accidents: April 21, 2016

Description of prior accidents (e.g., fatalities, injuries, property damage) Train vs. Trespasser (Fatality)

Last inspection date? N/A

Defects? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Required to attach most current inventory? Yes No

VIII. Attachments

Railroad incident report? Yes No

Local law enforcement report? Yes No

Coroner/medical examiner report? Yes No

Pictures? Yes No

Other (describe):

IX. Comments

On May 14, 2016, at 11:20 p.m. an incident involving a trespasser (Benjamin Scott Orien) versus train occurred on the BNSF Railway tracks, Northwest Division, Spokane Subdivision at railroad milepost 71.4 which is located near the intersection of Division and Sprague UC. The USDOT: 065945D, MP 71.4 is the actual railroad milepost location. The Amtrak Depot is located west of the incident location and the House of Charity and Father Bach Haven Apartments are located southwest of where the victim was located. The victim was deceased at the accident scene as a result of the injuries sustained. According to the Spokane Police Department Additional Report, the Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office the cause of death was determined to be suicide.

The House of Charity and Father Bach Haven Apartments provide services for homeless persons. It appears based on the location of the trails that people may be accessing services at these organizations and are walking across the northeast side of the tracks and continuing east to the Division Street undercrossing. There is some fencing located behind these organizations but no other deterrents in this area to prevent trespassing over the tracks.

I observed established pathways/ trails in the vicinity of the incident location which confirms that there is regular trespassing occurring at this location. I recommend that no trespassing signs be installed along this corridor and evaluate whether fencing the corridor is feasible. I further recommend that representatives from Operation Lifesaver contact the House of Charity and Father Bach Haven Apartments and provide outreach and educational materials about railroad safety.

INCIDENT AND WEATHER NOTIFICATION WORKSHEET

16-1809 (0) MISSION/INCIDENT NUMBER

5,14,16, 2352 DATE AND TIME OPENED

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REPORTED BY JOSE

OF: BNSF

PHONE NUMBER: (817)-352-2832

COMMON INCIDENT TYPES

Table with incident types: AMBER ALERT (G-21), CISD, DOH SECURES (C-37), EARTHQUAKE (C-3), EXERCISE/DRILL, FIRE (C-5), RAILROAD INCIDENTS (C-21), REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE (C-7), SUSPICIOUS ACT REPORTS/ SEC BREACH (C-12A), TSUNAMI INFO STATEMENTS (W-6), WEATHER (W-4) with sub-options like ISSUE, CANCEL, CONTINUE, ADVISORY, WATCH, WARNING, and weather types like FIRE WEATHER, FLOOD, GALE, HEAT, HEAVY SNOW, HIGH SURF, HIGH WIND, MARINE STORM, RED FLAG, SNOW, WINTER STORM.

SITUATION: Train vs. Tresspasser Laying on a track. 2324 hrs - Spokane - main track. R.R. MP - 71.4 main track 2. No HAZMAT release. Train stopped. LINK Road(s) - blocked.

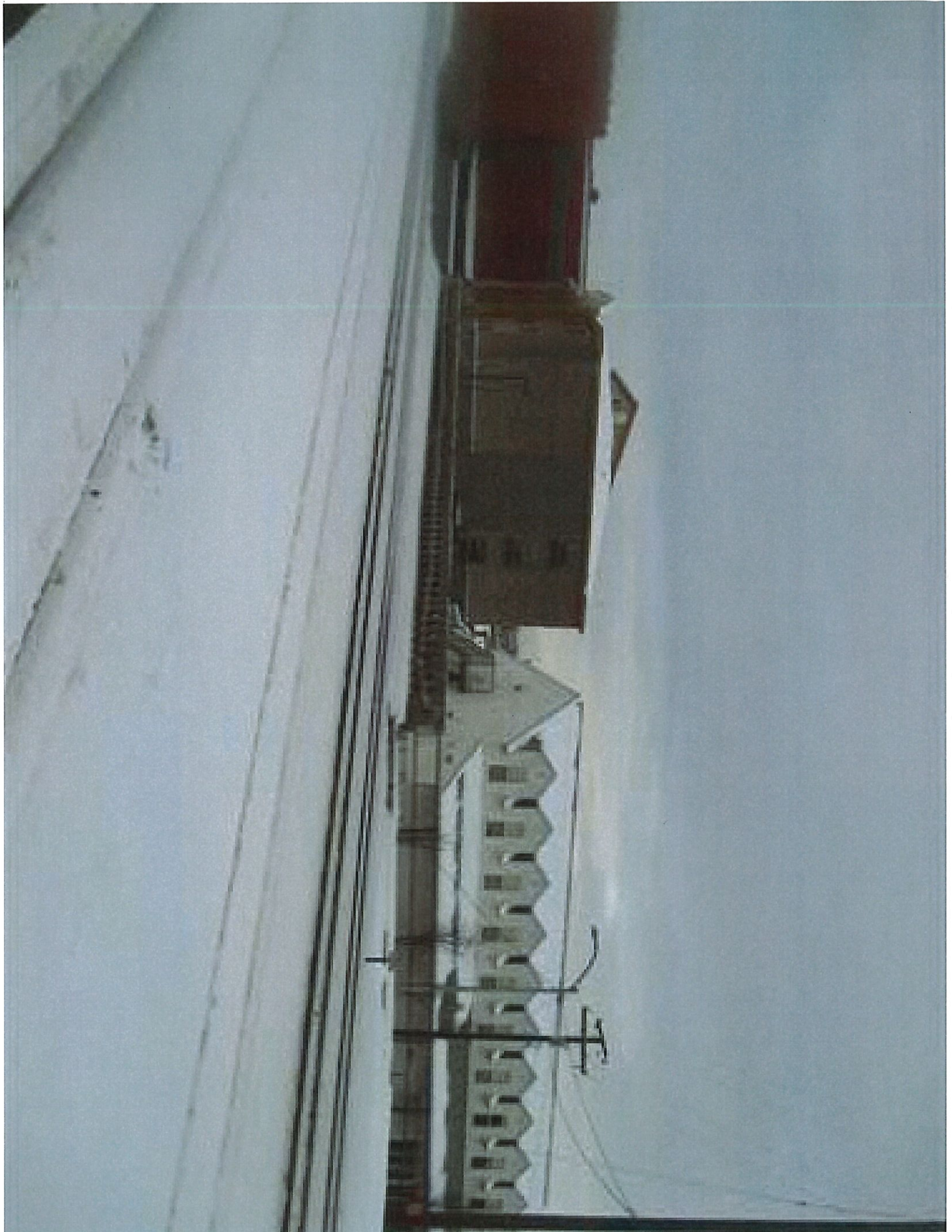
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NOTIFICATIONS MADE (indicate on reverse) [] NAWAS REC'D / SENT [] OMNIXX REC'D / SENT []

OP-1135 of Spokane Dispatch - already aware of situation.

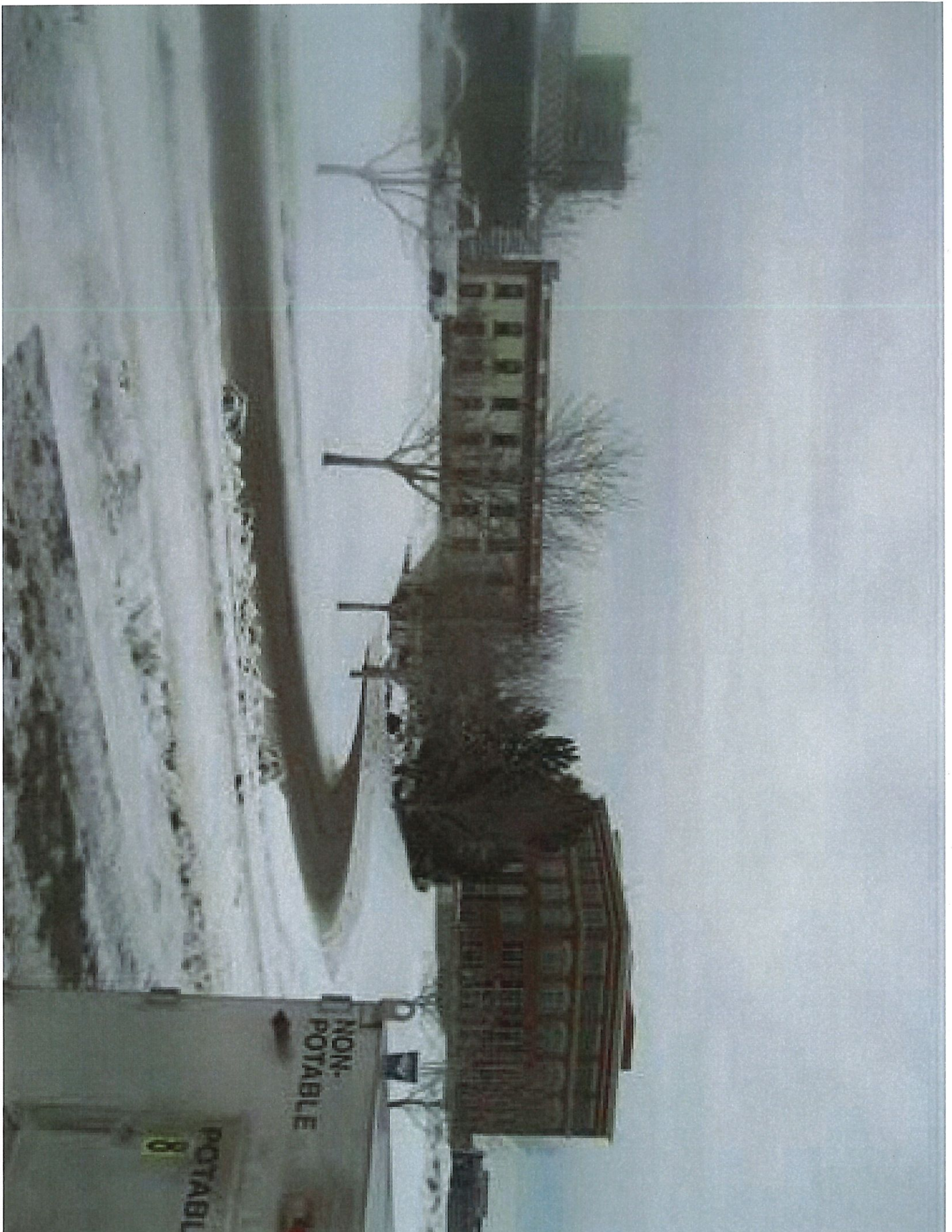












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