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Locomotives Strike Man Laying Near Track

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – An adult male trespassing on the Alaska Railroad (ARRC) right-of-way in Anchorage was struck by an ARRC locomotive late Sunday night. The man suffered a broken left shoulder and several abrasions.

At approximately 11 p.m., the train crew spotted the individual lying in the fetal position on the railbed near the track and immediately began emergency braking procedures. The crew was unable to stop the locomotives before the man was struck by the front plow and pushed to the side. It is unclear why the man was near the track but he appears to have been sleeping.

The incident occurred near ARRC milepost 112, north of the 36th Ave. crossing. The southbound locomotives were not hauling any railcars.

The unidentified male was transported to the Alaska Native Medical Center where he is being treated. ARRC Special Agents continue to investigate the incident and no charges have been filed at this time.

The Alaska Railroad's right-of-way typically extends 100 feet on each side of the track centerline. Unauthorized individuals within this area can be charged with trespassing.

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