**Background Facts:**

On October 12, 2020 at about 6:15 pm Anthony Brown was the unrestrained engineer and Denise Jones was the unrestrained brakeman in car #1266 on METRA train #723 (a Nippon Sharyo Highliner 2 Gallery Type EMU passenger train) along James Pochron (Conductor) that was stopped on Track 3 within the University Park Train Station located at 24000 S. Governors Highway, University Park, Illinois. METRA train #705 (a Nippon Sharyo Highliner 2 Gallery Type EMU passenger train) being operated by Jason Taksas (Engineer) with Gregory Williams (Conductor) as an occupant, was northbound on Track 2 when a track switch, being operated by Tim Funches (Student Conductor) in the railyard, was activated during its transit over the switch. This resulted in the rear car (1262) of train #705, striking the head car (1266) of Mr. Brown and Ms. Jones’ train #723. The incident resulted in a partial derailment of train #705 with it remaining upright after the crash and derailment. The image below depicts a hand drawn diagram by Mr. Pochron:

A drawing of a train

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**Mr. Pochron’s diagram**

Per the police report, the car configuration of the two involved train units, by number, were:

*Train # 723/140*

1266 (Head Car)-1317-1324-1359 (Rear Coach)

*Train #705*

1263 (Head Car)-1238-1381-1376-1299-1262 (Rear Coach)

**A train on the tracks at night

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**Scene, facing north. Train #705/Rear Coach #1262 is in the rear**

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**Mr. Brown and Ms. Jones’ train car #1266 pictured on the right**

**A train with a broken door

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**Train car #1262**

**A broken door of a train

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**Train car #1262 interior, facing car #1266**

**A close-up of a train

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**Unknown train car/designation photos**

An estimate with detailed description of damage for train car #1266 indicated approximately $63K in repairs. The provided photos show damage to the left rear corner of the car. Damage was also seen to the side wall of an undesignated car in the train system.

An estimate with detailed description of damage for train car #1262 indicated approximately $262K in repairs. The provided photos show damage to a double sliding passenger entry/exit way door system and the adjacent side walls. Intrusion into the passenger compartment with damage to the flooring and interior wall was seen. Damage was also seen to the outer side wall of an undesignated car in the train system.