Dump truck company issued federal highway violations months before crash

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A dump truck crashed into power lines in Sloan on September 19th. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

SLOAN – Authorities issued several federal highway violations against the operator of a dump truck months before it took down power lines in the Village of Sloan on Tuesday the Cheektowaga Chronicle has learned.

Records covering the past 24-months show that K Contractors, of Uebelhoer Road, Alden, was issued the violations during a vehicle inspection in July 2016. Authorities also issued several more violations against the driver according to information obtained from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

K Contractors did not return our requests for comment when reached by phone or email Wednesday.

Federal records current as of August 25, 2017, show that the company operates one vehicle and employs one driver.

Violations against the driver include; a miscellaneous drivers license violation, failure to yield the right of way, failure to obey a traffic control device, failure to conduct a pre-trip

inspection, and operating a commercial motor vehicle without the required knowledge of the general areas.

The company received several violations during a July 2016 vehicle inspection including; leaking/spilling/blowing/falling cargo, and failure to systematically inspect, repair, and maintain a vehicle. Records also reveal that the company received several excessive weight violations.

We have reached out to the Cheektowaga Police to see if any violations were issued as a result of the crash in Sloan.