

Ferry Manager Accosted Safety Officer Investigating Bulldozer Incident



A bulldozer being used to grade the landing area near a ferry crossing got partially submerged. The manager faxed an accident report to the WSCC. The same day, a safety officer met with the manager, who was loud, aggressive and refused to provide a written statement. The officer returned the next day, after getting information that contradicted what the manager had said. The manager confronted him, grabbed him by the biceps, pushed him out the door and slammed it behind him before he could ask any questions. As a result, the manager was charged with and convicted of obstruction. The officer was clearly doing his job. Although the manager didn't obstruct the officer's ability to do his job at the first meeting, he did at the second when he physically accosted the officer [*R. v. Prodromidis*, [2015] N.W.T.J. No. 60, Oct. 26, 2015].