

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION
FALSE PROCEED SIGNAL REPORT

REPORT FOR (month/year)

Dec-03

DATE

28-Dec-03

REPORTING CARRIER

Norfolk Southern Corporation

Division: Lake Division

REPORTING OFFICER

Chief Engineer - Western Region
 Communications & Signal Department

MAIL TO

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TYPE OF SYSTEM	DATE	LOCOMOTIVE NUMBER	DEVICE THAT FAILED	LOCATION (city and state)
1 BLOCK SYSTEMS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AB <input type="checkbox"/> APB <input type="checkbox"/> TC	12/22/2003	NS 9752	Signal	Van Loon, IN
2 INTERLOCKING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMOTE <input type="checkbox"/> MANUAL <input type="checkbox"/> AUTO-MATIC				
3 AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS <input type="checkbox"/> ATS <input type="checkbox"/> ATC <input type="checkbox"/> ACS				
4 OTHER (specify)				

NATURE AND CAUSE OF FAILURE / CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN

On Tuesday, December 22, 2003 at 8:49 a.m., Train 20E was traveling east on the Chicago District Westbound main track. Engineer and Conductor on engine NS 9752 called the home signal at Van Loon interlocking, MP B-497.9 a slow approach (yellow over red). The crew was contacted by the Chicago District dispatcher in Ft. Wayne, IN, after proceeding past Van Loon. The dispatcher informed the crew to bring their train to a stop. The crew of 20E walked back to observe the dwarf signal and reported the signal had been painted orange.

Investigation of the above incident verified that the 3 position color light dwarf signal had the top and bottom lenses painted orange and the can of spray paint was laying by the signal.

This incident was also reported to railroad police for further investigation.

The signal lenses were replaced and the signal was tested and placed back in service.

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