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Email Report

The Vehicle Recorder Division received the SD card from a Garmin Area 796 GPS. Upon receipt the card appeared to have suffered some mechanical impact damage including a gouge in the casing at the back edge of the card and damage to the contactor portion of the case (IMG_0431.jpg and IMG_0432.jpg). Readout of the card in a forensic card reader was unsuccessful. The case was removed to attempt a direct read of the memory. The device was found to have a crack spanning the full width of the memory package (era23fa209.jpg). Using an alternate direct reader showed that the card was unable to be powered and readout was unsuccessful. Due to the damage, no data could be recovered from the device.

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