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UPDATED: McKenzie County Two Vehicle Fatal Crash

What: Fatality Crash

Where: ND Highway 23 MM 40 approximately 7 miles West of New Town, ND

When: 03/18/2024 at approximately 1820hrs CST

Road Conditions: Good, Dry

Weather Conditions: Overcast

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Sideswipe

Agencies Involved: Three Affiliated Tribes Police, North Dakota Highway Patrol, McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, New Town Fire, New Town Ambulance, and Trinity First Response

Vehicle No. 1: 2020 Ram 1500

Driver No. 1: Darek Pederson, Male, 47 YOA, Blaine, MN, Fatal

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2023 Peterbilt Truck

Driver No. 2: John Youngblood, 53, Ross, ND, No Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: A Ram 1500 was westbound on Highway 23 when the vehicle crossed over the centerline into the eastbound lanes and struck a Peterbilt Truck. The Ram 1500 came to rest in the center of the highway facing south while the Peterbilt came to rest in the south ditch of the eastbound lanes. The driver of the Ram 1500 was flown to Trinity Hospital and succumbed to his injuries on 03/19/2024. Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash.



The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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