

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | April 10, 2020

## **Fatal Crash - US Highway 2 - Benson County**

**What:** Fatal Crash

**Where:** US Highway 2 @ Mile Marker 247.40 - 8 Miles East of Leeds, ND

**When:** April 10, 2020 @ 3:48 PM

**Road Conditions:** Concrete Roadway Surface - Dry

**Weather Conditions:** Clear

**Crash Involvement:** Semi/Vehicle/Farm Tractor

**Type of Crash:** Rear-end

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Benson County Sheriff Department, Leeds Fire Department, Leeds Ambulance Service

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2007 Kenworth

**Driver No. 1:** Eric Beaver; Male; 44; Devils Lake, ND; Uninjured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Charges:** Under Investigation

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2003 Chevrolet Silverado

**Driver No. 2:** Bradford Webster; Male; 66; Devils Lake, ND; Injured; Serious Injuries

**Restraints:** Unknown

**Charges:** No Charges Pending

**Vehicle No. 3:** 1974 Allis-Chalmers Farm Tractor

**Driver No. 3:** Pending; Male; 68; Devils Lake, ND; Fatal; Fatal Injuries

**Restraints:** None

**Charges:** No Charges Pending

**NARRATIVE:** Beaver (Vehicle 1) was traveling eastbound on US Highway 2 in the 2007 Kenworth. Webster (Vehicle 2) was traveling eastbound on US Highway 2 in the 2003 Chevrolet. Driver 3 (Vehicle 3) was traveling eastbound on US Highway 2 in the 1974 Allis-Chalmers farm tractor.

Vehicle 2 was traveling in the outside (south) lane of US Highway behind Vehicle 3 which was traveling partially on the right shoulder and the outside (south) lane of US Highway 2 at a slow rate of speed. Vehicle 1 rear-ended Vehicle 2 and Vehicle 3 which caused all three vehicles to leave the roadway and enter the south ditch.

Bradford Webster was transported by Leeds Ambulance Service to CHI Saint Alexius in Devils Lake and was later air-lifted to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks for injuries sustained in the crash.

Driver 3 was air-lifted to CHI Saint Alexius Hospital in Devils Lake where he died from fatal injuries sustained in the crash.

Vehicle 1 came to rest on its wheels facing southeast in the south ditch. Vehicle 2 overturned onto its right side and came to final rest facing northeast in the south ditch. Vehicle 3 came to final rest on its wheels in the south ditch facing south.

The name of the deceased will be released on April 11, 2020, pending notification of next-of-kin.

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



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