

UPDATE

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: Steven Webster; 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. Bradford Webster (Vehicle 2) was traveling eastbound on US Highway 2 in the 2003 Chevrolet. **Steven Webster** (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.

Steven Webster 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 crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.



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