

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | January 5, 2020

Minor Injury Crash Involving Watford City PD Officer

What: Minor Injury Crash

Where: Main Street in Watford City

When: January 5, 2020 0056 Hours

Road Conditions: Wet with patches of ice

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, McKenzie County Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2014 Ford Expedition (Watford City PD Vehicle)

Driver No. 1: Officer Daniel Halonen, 31, Watford City, minor injury

Restraints: Seat belt

Charges: None

Passenger No. 1: Officer Andrew Eisenschenk, 36, Watford City, minor injury

Restraints: Seat belt

Vehicle No. 2: 2008 GMC Yukon

Driver No. 2: 17-year old male, Watford City, minor injury

Restraints: Seat belt

Charges: Failed to yield to an emergency vehicle, no drivers license

Passenger No. 1: Damitrius Brantley, 36, Watford City, minor injury

Restraints: Seat belt

NARRATIVE: Two Watford City police vehicles were traveling northbound on Main street responding to an emergency call with emergency lights activated. The GMC, driven by the 17-year old male, pulled over and yielded to the first police vehicle. The GMC pulled back onto the roadway, failing to yield to the second police vehicle. The front passenger side corner of the police vehicle struck the front drivers side corner of the GMC.

This crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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