

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | July 14, 2020

1 Vehicle/Pedestrian Fatality

What: Fatality

Where: Meadowlark Ct, Watford City

When: 7/13/2020 at 8:07 P.M.

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Pedestrian

Type of Crash: Vehicle/Pedestrian

Agencies Involved: ND Highway Patrol, McKenzie County Sheriff Department, Watford City Police, McKenzie County Ambulance, Watford City Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2012 Dodge Ram

Driver No. 1: Otis Roberts, 50-year-old male from Watford City, no injuries

Restraints: No seat belt in use

Charges: Pending

Pedestrian: Name pending upon death notification

Hometown: Watford City

Gender/Age: 2-year-old male

Injury: Fatality

NARRATIVE: Vehicle 1 was parked on the east side of Meadowlark Ct in Watford City facing north. Driver, Otis Roberts, got in his vehicle to move the truck and back it into his driveway. A 2-year-old male walked in front of the truck and was struck by the front bumper knocking him over. The vehicle then ran the child over with its tires dragging him for approximately 15 feet as it turned to the west to back into the driveway. The vehicle came to a stop once it was discovered the child was struck. The child was transported to McKenzie County Healthcare where he was pronounced deceased. Crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol.

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