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Fatality pedestrian crash – Towner, ND

What: Fatality

Where: City of Towner, ND

When: July 18th, 2020 3:10 PM

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/pedestrian

Agencies Involved: NDHP, McHenry County S.O.

Vehicle No. 1: 2005 Ford pickup

Driver No. 1: Samuel Leighton – 21 years of age – no injuries

Restraints: no seatbelt used

Charges: none

Pedestrian: female juvenile

Hometown: Towner, ND

Gender/Age: 5 year old female

Injury: fatal

NARRATIVE: The driver of the Ford pickup was moving the pickup a short distance in his driveway. After moving approximately 50 feet, the driver got out and saw the small child laying in the driveway. The driver did not realize he struck the pedestrian until after parking the pickup. The child was transported to Trinity hospital by ambulance where she was pronounced dead. The driver did not sustain any injuries. The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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