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LaMoure County Crash

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Highway 13 intersection of Highway 281 (Edgeley)

When: July 28, 2020, 430 PM

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear with no wind

Crash Involvement: Two vehicles

Type of Crash: Sides impact and roll over

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Lamoure County Sheriff, Dickey County Sheriff, Edgeley

Ambulance, Edgeley Fire

Vehicle No. 1: 2011 Toyota passenger car

Driver No. 1: **Paula Thovson, 63;** Watertown, SD; **Fatal**

Restraints: Seat Belt, Airbags

Charges: N/A

Vehicle No. 2: 2017 Ford F350 Pickup pulling gooseneck trailer

Driver No. 2: Dean Johs, 40; Napoleon, ND; Injury

Restraints: Seat Belt, Airbags

Charges: Pending

NARRATIVE: The Ford was traveling westbound on Highway 13. The Toyota was traveling southbound on Highway 281. The Ford went through the marked intersection at Highway 13 and Highway 281. The Toyota struck the front of the trailer with the driver side. The trailer detached and traveled into the south ditch. The Ford rotated and rolled counter clockwise to the west and the into the north ditch. The Toyota traveled west on Highway 13 onto the north shoulder. The driver of the Ford was transported to Wishek Hospital and was later released. The driver of the Toyota was taken by life flight to Avera Hospital in Aberdeen to be treated

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for serious injuries. **The driver died in the evening hours on 7-28-20 from injuries sustained in the crash.**

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

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