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UPDATED Motorcycle/Pickup Fatality Crash

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Burleigh Ave, 1½ W of S Washington St, Bismarck

When: July 4, 2020 at 6:48 P.M.

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Motorcycle vs. Pickup

Type of Crash: Head on crash

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Burleigh County Sheriff's Office, Bismarck Police Department, Metro Area Ambulance, Bismarck Rural Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2013 Ford F-150

Driver No. 1: Danny Privratsky – 66 yrs old – Bismarck, ND – No Injuries

Restraints: Seat belt, air bag deployed

Charges: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2005 Yamaha Motorcycle

Driver No. 2: James Kassian – 28 yrs old – Bismarck, ND – Fatal

Restraints: No Helmet worn

NARRATIVE: James Kassian was traveling eastbound on Burleigh Ave. Danny Privratsky was traveling westbound on Burleigh Ave. Kassian failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway and crossed the center line into the westbound lane of travel. Privratsky attempted to avoid the motorcycle but struck Kassian's vehicle in the westbound lane.

James Kassian sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased. Danny Privratsky was not injured in the crash.

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

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