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Fatal Crash - US Highway 281 - Dunseith, ND - Rolette County

What: Fatal Crash

Where: US Highway 281 @ Mile Marker 254.70 - Dunseith, ND

When: May 26, 2020 @ 6:31 PM

Road Conditions: Asphalt Roadway Surface - Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Vehicle

Type of Crash: Overturn/Rollover

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Rolette County Sheriff Department, Dunseith Fire Department, Belcourt Ambulance Service, Community Ambulance Service – Rolla

Vehicle No. 1: 1986 Chevrolet Blazer

Driver No. 1: Ryan Fluhrer; Male; 26; Dunseith, ND; Non-life-threatening injuries

Restraints: None

Charges: Under Investigation

Passenger No. 2: Louis Cottonwood; Male; 29; Dunseith, ND; Non-life-threatening injuries

Restraints: None

Passenger No. 3: Donovan Counts Jr; Male; 26; LNA Bismarck, ND; Fatal; Fatal Injuries

Restraints: None

NARRATIVE: Fluhrer was traveling southbound on US Highway 281 in a 1986 Chevrolet Blazer. Fluhrer failed to maintain control of his vehicle causing it to partially leave the roadway. Fluhrer overcorrected causing further loss of control which caused the vehicle to spin. As the vehicle traveled through the northbound lane it entered the east ditch and overturned. Counts was ejected and was pronounced deceased on scene by the Rolette County Coroner.

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

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