

**Ward County Fatal Crash - Update**

**What:** Fatal Crash

**Where:** Hwy 52 MM 109, one mile west of Sawyer

**When:** October 5, 2020 at about 9:10 PM

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Clear

**Crash Involvement:** Motorcycle/Deer/Vehicle

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Ward County Sheriff's Office

**Vehicle No. 1:** 1994 Harley Davidson motorcycle  
**Operator No. 1:** Russell Landphere, male, 70, Minot, ND, fatal injuries  
**Restraints:** None  
**Charges:** N/A

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2013 Nissan Altima  
**Operator No. 2:** Alexander Maldonado, male, 21, Dallas, TX, not injured  
**Restraints:** In use  
**Charges:** None

**Vehicle No. 3:** 2010 Ford Edge  
**Operator No. 3:** Becky Schweitzer, female, 33, Velva, ND, not injured  
**Restraints:** In use  
**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** The Harley Davidson was traveling west on Hwy 52 when it struck a deer. The rider was thrown from the motorcycle and landed in the eastbound lane. The rider was struck by the Nissan and then the Ford, which were both traveling east on Hwy 52. The rider sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene.

This crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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