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Fatal Crash - Rolette County, North Dakota

What: Fatal Crash

Where: US Highway 281 @ Mile Marker 254.90, Dunseith, North Dakota

When: April 17, 2021 @ 4:44 P.M.

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

Crash Involvement: Motor Vehicle/Pedestrian

Type of Crash: Hit & Run

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, North Dakota Game & Fish Department, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rolette County Sheriff Department, Dunseith Police Department, Dunseith Fire Department, Belcourt Ambulance Service

Vehicle No. 1: 2001 Oldsmobile Alero
Driver No. 1: Under Investigation; Unknown Injuries
Restraints: Unknown; No Airbag Deployment
Charges: Pending

Passenger No. 1: Under Investigation; Unknown Injuries
Restraints: Unknown; No Airbag Deployment

Passenger No. 2: Under Investigation; Unknown Injuries
Restraints: Unknown; No Airbag Deployment

Pedestrian No. 1: Juvenile; Female; 7; Dunseith, North Dakota; Fatal Injuries

NARRATIVE: Driver 1 was traveling northbound on US Highway 281 and encountered a group of juvenile pedestrians crossing the roadway from west to east. Driver 1 struck one of the pedestrians crossing the roadway. Driver 1 entered the east ditch after striking the pedestrian and fled the crash scene in the Oldsmobile Alero. The pedestrian was transported by ambulance to Quentin N. Burdick Memorial Health Care Facility in Belcourt and was later life-flighted to Trinity Hospital in Minot. The pedestrian sustained fatal injuries and died at Trinity Hospital.
The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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