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**Bottineau County Fatality crash**

**What:** Fatality

**Where:** Bottineau County road #6 – 2 miles west of Westhope, ND

**When:** 4-28-21  8:08 AM

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Good

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle/Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rear-end collision

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Bottineau County Sheriff’s Department, Westhope ambulance service

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2008 GMC Acadia

**Driver No. 1:** Cyla H. McMechan – 18-year-old female – Antler, ND

**Restraints:** Seatbelt being used

**Charges:** Pending investigation

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2011 John Deere Gator

**Driver No. 2:** 72-year-old male – Fatal – Westhope, ND

**Restraints:** None

**Passenger No. 1:** David Mason – 59-year-old male – Westhope, ND - injured

**Restraints:** None

**NARRATIVE:** Both vehicles were eastbound on Bottineau County Road #6. The GMC Acadia was enroute from Antler, ND to Westhope, ND. The John Deere Gator was enroute from a farmstead in rural Westhope, ND going to Westhope, ND. The GMC Acadia struck the John Deere Gator from behind sending both vehicles into the south ditch. The driver of the GMC Acadia was wearing a seatbelt and the airbags deployed. Neither occupant in the John Deere Gator were wearing seatbelts. The driver of the GMC Acadia was transported by ambulance and later released from the hospital. The driver and passenger from the John
Deere Acadia were also transported to Trinity hospital by ambulance where the driver died. The passenger sustained injuries. The name of the driver who died will be released pending notification of family. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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