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UPDATE - 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: Myron Lodoen - 72-year-old male –Westhope, ND-Fatal

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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