

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | December 25, 2021

Injury crash East of Burlington

What: Injury

Where: 6900 Block of Ward County Hwy 15

When: 12-25-2021 at approximately 1355 Central time

Road Conditions: Ice Covered with snow

Weather Conditions: snowing

Crash Involvement: Vehicle

Type of Crash: Roll Over

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Ward County, Burlington PD, Burlington Fire, Trinity Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2003 Ford F-250

Driver No. 1: Matthew Melbarzdis-23 of Minot (Serious Injury)

Restraints: No seatbelt used

Charges: no charges filed

NARRATIVE: A Ford F-250 Pickup being operated by Matthew Melbarzdis was traveling northbound on Ward County Hwy 15 enroute from Minot to the Burlington area. Road conditions were slippery due to ice and compacted snow. After passing 68th St NW Melbarzdis lost control of his vehicle. The Ford entered the east ditch and struck an approach. This caused the ford to overturn onto its roof pinning Melbarzdis in the Ford.

The Ward County Sheriff's Department along with Burlington PD, Burlington Fire, and Trinity ambulance responded to the crash. Melbarzdis was extracted from his vehicle. On scene EMS

began life saving measures which were successful. Melbarzdis was transported to the Trinity Hospital where he remains in critical condition. The NDHP was asked to investigate the crash and the crash remains under investigation.

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