

## Fatal Crash

**What:** Fatal Crash

**Where:** Highway 85 mm140 (Approx. 5 miles south of Watford City)

**When:** February 15, 2021 at approximately 1846hrs CST

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Clear

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle/Pedestrian

**Type of Crash:** Vehicle/Pedestrian

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, Watford City Police Department, McKenzie County Ambulance, and Watford City Fire Department

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2018 Chevrolet Silverado

**Driver No. 1:** Jonathan Binstock, male; 40; Dickinson, ND; not injured

**Restraints:** Seat belt worn

**Charges:** Under investigation

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2018 Ram 1500

**Driver/Pedestrian No. 2:** William Thinnes, male; 66; Watford City, ND; Fatal

**Restraints:** None

**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** Thinnes was traveling southbound on Highway 85 near mm140 when items blew out of his Ram's pickup bed. Thinnes turned around and parked his Ram facing northbound in the asphalt median. Thinnes exited the vehicle to retrieve his belongings that were scattered in the southbound lanes. While retrieving his belongings, Thinnes was struck by Binstock who was traveling southbound on Highway 85. Binstock was not injured. Thinnes suffered fatal injuries. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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