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## **Honda v. NDDOT Snowplow SE of Grafton I-29**

**What:** Fatality

**Where:** I-29 MM 172 20 mi SE of Grafton

**When:** January 13, 2020 @ 12:29 PM

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Sunny, Clear

**Crash Involvement:** Car v. NDDOT snowplow

**Type of Crash:** Rear-end

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Grafton Fire and Rescue, Grafton Ambulance, Walsh County Sheriff's Office

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2015 Honda Accord

**Driver No. 1:** Ross Mapel, 38 yo male, Drayton, ND, fatally injured

**Restraints:** None

**Charges:** None

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2013 International Snowplow

**Driver No. 2:** Kevin Kirkeby, male, 44 yo, Drayton, ND

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** A NDDOT snowplow truck pulling a plow trailer was pre-treating the roads for icy conditions traveling southbound on I-29 from MM 172. The plow truck had emergency lights activated and was laying the pre-treat liquid on the road when it was struck from behind by the Honda Accord. The driver of the Honda suffered fatal injuries from the crash and was taken to Unity Hospital. The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.



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