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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