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## **Vehicle/Train Crash West of Grand Forks, ND**

**What:** Injury crash

**Where:** 17<sup>th</sup> Street NE & 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (approximately 4 miles west of Grand Forks, ND)

**When:** 07/02/2021 at approximately 9:10 AM

**Road Conditions:** Good, gravel surface

**Weather Conditions:** Sunny

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle/Train

**Type of Crash:** Angle

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office, Thompson Fire, Altru

Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2021 Ram 3500 pickup truck

**Driver No. 1:** male; age 34; of Langdon, ND; life-threatening injuries

**Restraints:** Seat belt in use, air bags deployed

**Charges:** Crash is under investigation

**NARRATIVE:** The Ram pickup was being driven south on 17<sup>th</sup> Street NE, approaching the intersection with 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and a rail crossing situated just to the north of the intersection. As the Ram crossed the rails, the left side of the Ram was struck by the front of a westbound BNSF train. This caused the Ram to break apart and overturn. The driver was transported to Altru Hospital by ambulance with life-threatening injuries.

The rail crossing is marked with crossbucks and a yield sign. The BNSF train consisted of one locomotive and eighty-five empty hopper cars. The locomotive was moderately damaged. No train crew members were injured.

The crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol.

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