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Mountrail County Fatal Crash

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Highway 1804 mm262 (jct. 50th St. NW); 12 miles N of New Town, ND

When: July 5, 2021, at approximately 0849hrs CST

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Pickup truck and UTV

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Mountrail County Sheriff's Department, and New Town Fire and EMS.

Vehicle No. 1: 2015 Chevy Silverado
Driver No. 1: Geran Rick, Male; 31; Lignite, ND; Not injured.
Restraints: Seat belt worn; air bags deployed
Charges: Under investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2021 Polaris Ranger UTV
Driver No. 2: Garrett Hoelscher, Male; 23; Ross, ND; Fatal.
Restraints: No seat belt or helmet worn
Charges: None
Passenger No. 1: Juvenile male; Ross, ND; Fatal.
Restraints: No seat belt or helmet worn
Charges: None

NARRATIVE: Rick was traveling south on Highway 1804 near mm262. Hoelscher was traveling west on 50th St NW towards Highway 1804. Rick struck the passenger side of the UTV as Hoelscher attempted to cross the highway. After the impact, both vehicles rolled into the

west ditch where they both came to rest. Passenger 1 was thrown from the UTV. Both Hoelscher and his passenger in the UTV were pronounced deceased on-scene.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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