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Injury Crash - Benson County, North Dakota

What: Injury Crash

Where: 38th Street NE ~ 1 Mile East of Maddock, North Dakota

When: June 12, 2021 @ 9:21 P.M.

Road Conditions: Asphalt Roadway Surface - Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear, Dusk

Crash Involvement: Two Vehicle

Type of Crash: Broadside Angle Collision

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Benson County Sheriff Department, Valley Med Flight, Maddock Ambulance Service, Maddock Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2012 Ford F-150

Driver No. 1: Handre Leus; 33; Grace City, North Dakota; non-life-threatening injuries

Restraints: None - Front & Side Airbag Deployment

Charges: Driving Under the Influence - Following Too Closely

Passenger No. 1: Jacques Pitout; Male; 39; Grace City, ND; non-life-threatening injuries

Restraints: None; Front & Side Airbag Deployment

Passenger No. 2: Martin Visagie; Male; 30; Grace City, ND; non-life-threatening injuries

Restraints: None; Side Airbag Deployment

Vehicle No. 2: 2013 Ram Laramie 1500

Driver No. 2: Ryno Conradie; 33; Maddock, North Dakota; non-life-threatening injuries

Restraints: Shoulder & Lap Belt - Front & Side Airbag Deployment

Charges: Driving Under the Influence - Improper Turn Around

Passenger No. 1: Andre Olivier; Male; 32; Grace City, ND; non-life-threatening injuries

Restraints: None; Front & Side Airbag Deployment

NARRATIVE: Leus and Conradie were both traveling eastbound on 38th Street NE approximately one mile east of Maddock. Conradie was traveling in front of Leus. Conradie reduced his speed to complete a U-Turn at a filed approach to travel westbound back towards Maddock.

Leus struck Conradie at a right angle in the west bound lane of 38th Street NE. Vehicle 1 came to final rest on its wheels facing mostly east in the north ditch. Vehicle 2 came to final rest on its wheels facing northeast in the north ditch.

Leus, Conradie, and Olivier sustained minor non-life-threatening injuries and refused transportation to a medical facility. Pitout and Visagie both received serious non-life-threatening injuries. Pitout was transported to Trinity Hospital in Minot by Valley Med Flight. Visagie was transported to CHI Saint Alexius in Devils Lake by Maddock Ambulance Service.

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

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