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US Highway 2 Injury Crash - Benson County, North Dakota

What: Injury Crash

Where: US Highway 2 & 55th Avenue NE ~ Leeds, North Dakota

When: June 25, 2021 @ 12:30 P.M.

Road Conditions: Asphalt Roadway Surface - Wet

Weather Conditions: Cloudy, Rain

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs. Vehicle

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Leeds Ambulance Service, Leeds Fire Department, Valley Med Flight

Vehicle No. 1: 2015 Chevrolet Impala
Driver No. 1: Clarence Azure; 68; Dunseith, North Dakota; non-life-threatening injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt; Airbag Deployment
Charges: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan
Driver No. 2: Joshua Owens; 30; Leeds, North Dakota; non-life-threatening injuries
Restraints: None; Airbag Deployment; Ejected
Charges: Failed to yield right-of-way at intersection marked with stop sign

NARRATIVE: Azure was westbound on US Highway 2 while Owens was southbound on 55th Avenue NE. Owens stopped prior to crossing the westbound lanes of traffic to travel eastbound on US Highway 2 but failed to yield the right-of-way to Azure. Azure struck Owens at a right angle commonly referred to as a "T-bone" type of collision. Azure and Owens were both transported by ambulance to CHI Saint Alexius Hospital in Devils Lake for injuries sustained in the crash. Owens was later life-flighted by Valley Med Flight to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks due to the severity of his injuries.



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

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