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Injury Crash - Grand Forks County, North Dakota

What: Injury Crash

Where: 16th Street NE ~ 6 Miles South & 4 Miles West of Grand Forks, North Dakota

When: June 25, 2021 @ 5:12 P.M.

Road Conditions: Asphalt Roadway Surface - Wet

Weather Conditions: Heavy Rain, Overcast

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs. Vehicle vs. Vehicle

Type of Crash: Head-on

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Grand Forks County Sheriff Department, Altru Ambulance Service, Thompson Fire Department, Interstate Towing & Recovery

Vehicle No. 1: 2000 Pontiac Bonneville
Driver No. 1: Juvenile; Male; 16; Northwood, North Dakota; Minor Injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt; Airbag Deployment
Charges: Care Required

Vehicle No. 2: 2004 Freightliner Semi-Tractor w/Trailer
Driver No. 2: Angelo Botha; Male; 20; Reynolds, North Dakota; No Injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt
Charges: None

Passenger No. 1: Robb Kuchar; Male; 24; Grand Forks, North Dakota; No Injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt

Vehicle No. 3: 2019 GMC Yukon
Driver No. 3: Sarah Fee; Female; 43; Grand Forks, North Dakota; Minor Injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt; Airbag Deployment
Charges: None

Passenger No. 1: Juvenile; Male; 12; Grand Forks, North Dakota; Minor Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt

Passenger No. 2: Juvenile; Male; 7; Grand Forks, North Dakota; Minor Injuries

Restraints: Restraint Used

NARRATIVE: Driver 1 was traveling northbound on 16th Street NE approximately 200 yards north of 12th Avenue NE. Driver 1 lost control of his 2000 Pontiac Bonneville and collided with a trailer being towed by a 2004 Freightliner traveling southbound driven Botha. The initial collision with Botha caused Driver 1 to veer to the right. Driver 1's vehicle lost its driver's side front tire causing Driver 1 to reenter the southbound lane of traffic resulting in a head-on collision with a 2019 GMC Yukon being driven by Fee who was traveling southbound.

Driver 1 was transported by his mother to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks for injuries sustained in the crash. Fee and her juvenile children received medical treatment on-scene but were not transported to a medical facility. Botha and his passenger were uninjured in the crash.

Vehicle 1 and Vehicle 3 sustained disabling damage and were towed from the crash scene. Vehicle 2 was able to be driven from the crash scene after repairs were made to change a damaged tire.

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

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