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McLean County Fatality Crash

Where: Hwy 200 MM 178 (1/2 mile west of Riverdale)

When: 06/07/2021 1639 PM CDT

Road Conditions: Clear

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Two Vehicle

Type of Crash: Head on

Agencies Involved: NDHP, McLean County SO, Riverdale Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix

Driver No. 1: 17-year-old male, Riverdale ND, Fatal

Restraints: Unrestrained and ejected

Passengers: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2010 Lincoln MKS Sedan

Driver No. 2: Kevin Bartsch 32, Coleharbor ND, Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt and Airbag

Passengers: None

Charges: None

NARRATIVE:

A Pontiac was traveling east bound on Hwy 200 crossing the Garrison Dam. The driver moved into the west bound lanes to begin passing an east bound vehicle that pulled onto Hwy 200 from the Fish Hatchery Road. The driver of the Pontiac lost control of the vehicle and began to spin into the scenic overlook parking area north of Hwy 200. A west bound Lincoln attempted to avoid the Pontiac but struck the passenger side of the Pontiac in the parking area. Both vehicles came to rest in the parking area of the overlook. Bartsch was transported to Sanford in Bismarck for injuries sustained in the crash. The driver of the Pontiac died on scene. The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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