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Barnes County Hwy 1/Co. Rd. 22 Injury Crash

**What:** Two vehicle injury crash

**Where:** ND State Hwy. 1 @ junction of Barnes Co. Rd. 22 – 1 mile east of Sanborn

**When:** February 27th, 2020 @ approximately 12:48 pm

**Road Conditions:** Dry

**Weather Conditions:** Clear

**Type of Crash:** Two vehicle intersection angle crash

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Barnes County SO, Sanborn FD, Barnes County Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2015 Nissan Murano
**Driver No. 1:** Thomas Gawronski, 70 YOA male, Cooperstown, ND – minor injuries
**Restraints:** Seat belt and airbag deployment
**Charges:** None
**Passenger No. 1:** Kath Soma-Gawronski, 63 YOA female, Cooperstown, ND – minor injuries
**Restraints:** Seat belt and airbag deployment

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2017 Chevrolet Equinox
**Driver No. 2:** Celeste Piatz, 20 YOA female, Valley City, ND – not injured
**Restraints:** Seat belt and air bag deployment
**Charges:** Failed to Yield at Stop Intersection
**Passenger No. 1:** 7 YOA female – minor injuries
**Restraints:** Seat belted

**NARRATIVE:**
Gawronski was southbound on ND State Hwy. 1 approaching the intersection with Barnes Co. Rd. 22. Piatz was westbound on Co. Rd. 22. Hwy. 1 is the through road and traffic on Co. Rd. 22 must stop and yield to traffic on Hwy. 1.

Piatz entered the intersection as Gawronski was entering it. Gawronski’s vehicle struck the right rear of Piatz’s vehicle at a right angle. After the collision, the vehicles blocked the southbound lanes of Hwy. 1.

Barnes County Ambulance transported Gawronski and Soma-Gawronski to Mercy Hospital in Valley City. They were treated and released. The 7 YOA female from Piatz’s vehicle was transported by private party Mercy Hospital in Valley City and treated and released.

Piatz was cited for Failed to Yield at a Stop Intersection, a traffic citation.

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

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