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Injury Crash near Williston

What: Injury crash

Where: Highway 85, mile marker 178, 6 miles south of Williston

When: March 17, 2021 at 9:39 p.m.

Road Conditions: Good, dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Two vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear-end

Agencies Involved: NDHP, McKenzie Co SO, Williams Co SO, Williston Ambulance, Guardian Air Med

Vehicle No. 1: 1996 Geo Prizm
Driver No. 1: Sierra Vaughn, 23, female, Watford City, serious injuries
Restraints: Unknown
Charges: Driving without liability insurance; Care Required

Passenger No. 1: Makayla Pacheco, 19, female, Watford City,
Restraints: minor injuries Unknown

Vehicle No. 2: 2001 Peterbilt pump truck pulling full trailer
Driver No. 2: Paydan Dansie, 33, male, Williston, not injured
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: None

NARRATIVE: Vehicle 1 was traveling from Watford City to Williston northbound on Highway 85; vehicle 2 was traveling northbound from Alexander to Williston northbound on Highway 85. The semi and trailer slowed to around 45 mph on the four-lane highway for deer in the ditch and another vehicle that was on the shoulder with hazard lights on. The Geo Prizm was traveling at highway speeds when it rear-ended the trailer. Driver of the Prizm was flown to

Minor injuries sustained in the crash; the passenger was transported to Williston injuries sustained in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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