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3 Vehicle DUI Crash Devils Lake

What: Injury

Where: US Highway 2 and State Highway 20 intersection, Devils Lake

When: 11:08 AM 5/23/2021

Road Conditions: Wet

Weather Conditions: Cloudy and Overcast

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Right angle crash

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Devils Lake PD, Lake Region Ambulance Service, Devils Lake Fire Department, Devils Lake Rural Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2019 Chevrolet Traverse

Driver No. 1: Paul Tronson, 63 yo Doyon, ND, serious injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: No charges.

Passenger No. 1: Kristy Tronson, 63 yo, Doyon, ND, female, no injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt

Vehicle No. 2: 2003 Ford Explorer

Driver No. 2: Tanner Mitchell, 28 yo, male, Fargo, ND, no injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: DUS, DUI, Reckless Driving, Drove through red light

Vehicle No. 3: 2021 Buick Enclave

Driver No. 3: Earl Pelton, 84 yo, male, Dickinson, ND, no injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: no charges

Passenger No. 1: Darlene Pelton, 80 yo, Dickinson, ND, female, no injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt

NARRATIVE: A Chevrolet Traverse was eastbound with a green light at the intersection of US 2 and State Highway 20. Mitchell was northbound with a red light on State Highway 20. Mitchell failed to stop at the stoplight and drove through the intersection. Mitchell was then struck at a right angle commonly referred to as a "T-bone" type of crash. The Ford Explorer after it was struck by the Traverse then rolled off into the northeast ditch with the front driver's side wheel being flung off striking the Buick Enclave. The Buick Enclave was facing west attempting to take a left turn to go south on State Highway 20. Mitchell was found to be impaired and arrested for DUI, DUS, Reckless Driving, and was cited for driving through a red light. The investigation is still ongoing.

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