

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | October 6, 2021

Serious Injury Crash

What: Injury

Where: Highway 13 mile marker 365 (1 mile west of Wyndmere)

When: 10/05/2021 at 2:05 A.M. Central Time

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: 2 vehicle

Type of Crash: Head on crash

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Richland County Sheriff's Department, Milnor Ambulance, Wyndmere Fire, and Sanford Air Med.

Vehicle No. 1: 2019 Nissan Altima

Driver No. 1: Ian Saukerson, 40-year-old male, Hermosa, SD (Serious injury)

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: Driving under the influence (DUI), pending investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2020 Freightliner Semi

Driver No. 2: Dennis Hanson, 64-year-old male, Minneapolis, MN (Minor injury)

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: Under Investigation

NARRATIVE: A 2019 Nissan Altima was traveling east bound on Highway 13. The 2020 Freightliner semi was traveling west bound. Saukerson failed to maintain its lane causing it to cross into the west bound lane. Hanson swerved to the north ditch to avoid the Nissan. The Nissan and the Freightliner struck head on in the west bound lane of Highway 13. The Nissan came to rest in the east bound lane facing south. The Freightliner came to rest in the north ditch. Hanson was transported to CHI St. Francis in Breckenridge. Saukerson was transported



by Sanford Air Med to Sanford Hospital in Fargo. The crash is under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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