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Fatal Crash - Rolette County, North Dakota

What: Fatal Crash

Where: US Highway 281 @ Mile Marker 230.14 ~ 1 ½ Miles East of Rolla, North Dakota

When: September 13, 2021 @ 8:08 A.M.

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Two Vehicle

Type of Crash: Head-on

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Rolette County Sheriff Department, Rolla Fire Department, Belcourt Ambulance Service - Belcourt, Community Ambulance Service - Rolla

Vehicle No. 1: 2018 Dodge Grand Caravan
Driver No. 1: Male; 44; Belcourt, North Dakota; Fatal Injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt - Airbag Deployment
Charges: None

Passenger No. 1: Elizabeth Yoder; Female; 39; Belcourt, North Dakota; Serious Injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt - Airbag Deployment

Passenger No. 2: Juvenile; Female; 7; Belcourt, North Dakota; Serious Injuries
Restraints: No Seatbelt - Airbag Deployment

Passenger No. 3: Juvenile; Male; 13; Belcourt, North Dakota; Serious Injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt - Airbag Deployment

Vehicle No. 2: 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee
Driver No. 2: Charles Vondal JR; Male; 22; Rolla, North Dakota; Serious Injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt - Airbag Deployment
Charges: None

NARRATIVE: Driver 1 was traveling eastbound on US Highway 281 while Driver 2 was traveling westbound on US Highway 281. An eastbound noncontact motor vehicle was stopped in traffic on US

Highway 281 yielding to Vehicle 2 and was waiting to negotiate a left turn to travel north on 52nd Avenue NE. Driver 1 attempted to overtake the noncontact motor vehicle just west of the intersection of US Highway 281 and 52nd Avenue NE. Driver 1 struck Driver 2 head-on and both motor vehicles entered the north ditch after the collision occurred. Vehicle 1 after impact came to final rest facing mostly west on its wheels while Vehicle 2 came to final rest facing mostly south on its wheels. All occupants needed to be extricated due to the severe damaged sustained to their respective motor vehicles.

The name of the deceased will be released on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, to allow notification of next-of-kin. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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