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## Three Vehicle Fatality Crash

**What:** Fatal Crash

**Where:** Highway 22 MP 99, 4 miles south of Killdeer, ND

**When:** 09-17-2021 4:20 p.m.

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Sunny, clear

**Type of Crash:** Sideswipe, head on crash

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Dunn County Sheriff's Department, West Dunn Fire Department, Killdeer Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2002 Mercury Sable

**Driver No. 1:** Female, 24 years old, Dickinson, ND

**Restraints:** No seat belt in use, fatal injuries

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2014 Link Belt Crane

**Driver No. 2:** Aberle II, Carl, 33 years old, Center, ND

**Restraints:** Seatbelt worn, no injuries

**Vehicle No. 3:** 2019 Ford F250

**Driver No. 3:** Ylitalo, Curtis, 32 years old, Dickinson, ND

**Restraints:** Seatbelt worn, minor injuries

**NARRATIVE:** The driver of Vehicle #1 was traveling northbound on Highway 22 from Dickinson to Killdeer. Carl Aberle and Curtis Ylitalo were traveling southbound on Highway 22 from Mandaree to Dickinson. Vehicle #1 crossed the center line and side swiped Aberle's Link Belt crane. Vehicle #1 then spun in the roadway and was struck head on by Ylitalo's vehicle. Aberle and Ylitalo's vehicles came to rest on the southbound shoulder. Vehicle #1 came to rest in the middle of the highway.

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The driver of Vehicle #1 was not wearing a seat belt at the time and was fully ejected from the vehicle. Carl Aberle and Curtis Ylitalo were wearing their seat belts at the time. Carl Aberle was not injured in the crash and Curtis Ylitalo sustained minor injuries.

The driver of Vehicle #1 was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The name of the deceased will be released upon notification of the next of kin.

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

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