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Updated - Cass County Fatal Crash

What: Single vehicle motorcycle injury crash

Where: Cass County Highway 16 1.5 miles west of County Highway 17. 2 miles southwest of Horace, ND

When: July 31st, 2022, at 3:52 PM.

Road Conditions: Normal

Weather Conditions: Normal

Crash Involvement: Single Vehicle

Type of Crash: Ran off roadway, fell off vehicle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Cass County Sheriff's Department, Davenport Fire Department, Kindred and Sanford Ambulance Services

Vehicle No. 1: 2016 Can-Am Spyder RT

Driver No. 1: Charles Hiram Bekkerus, 75-year-old male, Fargo, ND, Fatal

Restraints: Helmet Worn

Charges: N/A

NARRATIVE: The Can-Am was eastbound on County Highway 16, 1.5 miles west of County Highway 17. The motorcycle left the roadway and entered the south ditch. After driving into a sunflower field, Bekkerus fell from the motorcycle. The motorcycle continued a short distance before coming to rest up right on its wheels. The motorcycle sustained minor damage from the crash.

Bekkerus was wearing a helmet while operating the vehicle. A passerby noticed the motorcycle in the field and contacted emergency services. Bekkerus was transported to Essentia Health for treatment of injuries but later passed away.

The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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