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Ward County Fatality Crash

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Highway 52 near mile marker 79 (11 miles South of Carpio, ND)

When: 02/26/2022 at approximately 10:15PM CST

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Pick-Up vs Semi-Truck

Type of Crash: Head-On

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Ward County Sheriff's Office, Carpio Fire, Burlington Fire and Rescue, NorthStar Criticair, Minot Community Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2021 GMC Sierra

Driver No. 1: Male, 23 years old, Donnybrook, ND-Fatal

Restraints: No Seatbelt

Charges: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2015 Freightliner

Driver No. 2: Male, 44 years old, Lethbridge, AB, No Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: The GMC Sierra was traveling northbound on Hwy 52 near MM 79. The GMC Sierra left its lane and entered the southbound lane, striking the Freightliner head-on. Upon impact the 2015 Freightliner ignited and came to rest in the southeast ditch. The GMC Sierra came to rest on the northwest shoulder. The driver of the GMC Sierra was pronounced deceased on scene.

Hwy 52 was shut down for a period of time and traffic was re-routed.

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

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

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