

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | July 15, 2022

2 vehicle injury crash west of Wahpeton

What: Injury

Where: Hwy 13 (6 miles west of Wahpeton) at MM 384

When: July 15th, 2022 at 3:27 PM Central Time

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Sunny

Crash Involvement: Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear End

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Richland County Sheriff's Office, Wahpeton Fire/ambulance, Sanford Air-med Life flight.

Vehicle No. 1: 2016 GMC Yukon

Driver No. 1: Brandon Wahler-43 from Wyndmere, ND (No injuries)

Restraints: seatbelt

Charges: under investigation

Passenger No. 1: Amber Wahler-42 from Wyndmere, ND (No injuries)

Restraints: seatbelt

Passenger No. 2: 5 year old Juv Male (2nd row driver's side) (Injured)

Restraints: child restraint

Passenger No. 3: 3 year old Juv Male (2nd row passenger side) (no injuries)

Restraints: car seat

Passenger No. 4: 9 year old Juv Male (3rd row middle seat) no injuries

Restraints: seatbelt

Vehicle No. 2: 1970's model 70's series John Deer Tractor-pulling cutter
Driver No. 2: Carl John Althoff- 67 from Wahpeton, ND (Serious, none-life threatening).
Restraints: no seatbelt
Charges: under investigation

NARRATIVE: On July 15th at approximately 3:27 PM a two-vehicle crash with injuries occurred on Hwy 13 near MM 384 approximately 6 miles west of Wahpeton, ND in the right lane of the eastbound roadway of Hwy 13.

A 1970's model John Deere Tractor was traveling eastbound in the right lane of Hwy 13 being operated by Carl Althoff. The John Deere tractor was pulling a grass cutter. An eastbound traveling GMC Yukon being operated by Brandon Wahler was driving behind the John Deere Tractor.

Wahler failed to see the tractor on the roadway and collided into the back of the John Deere Tractor in a rear end style collision. This collision caused the driver of the Tractor (Carl Althoff) to sustain serious, but none-life threatening injuries. Althoff was transported via life-flight to the Sanford Hospital.

A 5-year-old juvenile passenger in the GMC Yukon sustained serious but none-life threatening injuries in the crash and was transported via Wahpeton ambulance to the Sanford Hospital.

The eastbound lanes of Hwy 13 were shut down for approximately 3 hours to allow first responders to provide assistance to those involved in the crash, and for law enforcement to investigate the crash. This crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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