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## **UPDATED OHV/Pickup Fatality Crash**

**What:** Fatality Crash

**Where:** Mercer Cty Road 21, 10 miles N of Beulah

**When:** 07/02/2022 at approximately 11:13 AM

**Road Conditions:** Normal

**Weather Conditions:** Normal

**Agencies Involved:** Mercer Cty SO, Beulah PD, Hazen Fire and Rescue, Hazen Ambulance, Sanford Air Med

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2021 Can-Am Defender

**Driver No. 1:** **Walter Morast** (88 years old), Zap, Fatal Injuries

**Restraints:** Not in Use

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2018 Dodge Pickup 3500 pulling a boat

**Driver No. 2:** **Richard Schantz** (51 years old), Beulah, No Injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Charges:** Pending Investigation

**Passenger No. 1:** **Brian Steger** (20 years old), Pine Bluffs WY, No Injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**NARRATIVE:** The Can-Am and the Dodge pickup were traveling northbound on County Road 21. Near the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> St NW, the Can-Am began to slow. The Dodge Pickup began to pass the Can-Am. The Can-Am turned towards 1<sup>st</sup> St NW and it struck the boat trailer of the Dodge Pickup. Walter Morast was ejected and was later pronounced deceased at Sanford Hospital in Bismarck.

The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.



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