

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | July 2, 2022

FATAL CRASH NEAR NEW TOWN

What: Fatal Crash
Where: New Town, ND23/ND23 by-pass
When: 5:54 AM Central Time
Road Conditions: Dry, good summer driving
Weather Conditions: Clear, 55 degrees, lighted, around sunrise
Crash Involvement: Passenger Vehicle/Commercial Vehicle
Type of Crash: Head-on
Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol
Mountrail County Sheriff's Office
Three Affiliated Tribes Police
New Town Police
Mountrail Rural Fire
New Town Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2015 Dodge Caravan
Driver No. 1: 18-year-old male, Watford City **DECEASED**
Restraints: Unknown
Charges: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2005 Peterbilt truck-tractor
Driver No. 2: 50-year-old female, Kenmare not injured
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: None

NARRATIVE:

On 7/2/2022 at approximately 5:54 AM CST, a head-on fatal crash between a semi and a minivan happened on ND-23, east of New Town, ND. The semi was traveling west on ND-23

from Minot to Mandaree, ND. The minivan was traveling east on ND-23. The minivan crossed the center line on ND-23 shortly after clearing the intersection with the ND-23 by-pass. The semi applied brakes and steered right to evade. The minivan struck the semi head on in the westbound right turn lane. The driver of the minivan was partially ejected and pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the semi was not injured.

About ¼ of a mile of ND-23 was closed east of the by-pass to traffic for approximately 5 hours to remove vehicles and debris.

Further details are being investigated by the North Dakota Highway Patrol and the Mountrail County Sheriff's Office.

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