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## Kidder County Fatal Crash **UPDATE**

**What:** Fatal Crash: Train, Pickup/Stock Trailer

**Where:** Highway 10, 30<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Dawson (appx. 4 miles east of Steele)

**When:** June 28, 2022, 9:20 PM

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Clear

**Crash Involvement:** BNSF train, pickup and stock trailer

**Type of Crash:** Sideswipe, rollover

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Kidder County Sheriff's Office, Kidder County Ambulance, Sanford  
Air Flight

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2007 Chevrolet Silverado, stock trailer

**Driver No. 1:** Cole Helmers, 24, Center, ND, Fatal

**Restraints:** None

**Charges:** None

**Vehicle No. 2:** BNSF Train: 10 cars, 1 engine

**NARRATIVE:** The driver of the pickup and stock trailer was traveling northbound at an unknown speed on 30<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and struck the side of the second car of an eastbound BSNF train that was traveling approximately 50-60 mph. The truck and trailer were pushed into the southeast ditch of the grade crossing and rolled. The train entered emergency braking and stopped.

There were 3 head of cattle in the stock trailer during the crash, none survived. The train had 10 cars and 1 engine and approximate weight of 757 tons. The BSNF train was repaired and continued traveling east to Dilworth, MN. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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