Fatal Crash near Ardoch

What: Fatality
Where: US Highway 81 1 mile WNW of Ardoch
When: 10:00 AM CST 03/10/2022
Road Conditions: Good
Weather Conditions: Clear, sunny
Crash Involvement: SUV v. Semi Truck
Type of Crash: Head-On
Agencies Involved: NDHP, Walsh Sheriff’s Office, Valley Ambulance and Rescue, Minto Fire

Vehicle No. 1: 2021 Honda CR-V
Driver No. 1: Name withheld will be released later
Restraints: Seatbelt
Charges: none

Vehicle No. 2: 2021 International Semi Truck with semi trailer
Driver No. 2: Duane Cummings, 78 yo male, Bancroft, WI, no injuries
Restraints: seatbelt
Charges: none

NARRATIVE: The SUV was northbound on US Highway 81 following the road as it travels west and curves to the northwest. The semi was southbound from Minto heading to Wisconsin. The semi was negotiating the curve when the SUV entered the southbound lane and struck the semi in a head on manner. The semi and SUV went into the east ditch with the SUV rolling onto the driver’s side. The driver of the SUV suffered fatal injuries from the crash. The driver’s name will be released in a later media release. The driver of the semi suffered no physical injury. The crash is still under investigation by the NDHP.
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