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## **Fatal Crash - Walsh County, North Dakota**

**What:** Fatal Crash

**Where:** Walsh County Road 9 ~ 4 Miles East of Edinburg, North Dakota

**When:** November 12, 2022 @ 9:13 P.M.

**Road Conditions:** Snow Covered

**Weather Conditions:** Dark, Snowing

**Crash Involvement:** Single Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Fixed Object - Tree

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Walsh County Sheriff Department, Park River Ambulance Service, Edinburg Fire Department, Park River Fire Department

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2022 GMC Yukon

**Driver No. 1:** Christopher Thompson; Male; 46; Grafton, North Dakota; Uninjured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Charges:** Driving Under the Influence

**Passenger No. 1:** Brent Baldwin; Male; 52; Saint Thomas, North Dakota; Uninjured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Passenger No. 2:** Rodney Olson; Male; 57; Halstad, Minnesota; Minor Injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Passenger No. 3:** Jason Schatzke; Male; 48; Wheatland, North Dakota; Fatal Injuries

**Restraints:** None

**Passenger No. 4:** Anita Olson; Female; 59; Halstad, Minnesota; Uninjured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Passenger No. 5:** Tanya Schatzke; Female; 47; Wheatland, North Dakota; Uninjured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**NARRATIVE:** Thompson was traveling eastbound on Walsh County Road 9 in rural Walsh County. Vehicle 1 left the roadway near the intersection of 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, entered the north ditch, and struck a tree. Jason Schatzke sustained fatal injuries in the crash and was pronounced deceased on-scene.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol and Walsh County Sheriff Department.

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