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Ward County Fatal Crash

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Highway 2-mile marker 143 (approximately 4 miles west of Minot)

When: August 10, 2023 @ 4:41 PM CST

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs. Motorcycle

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Ward County Sheriff's Office, Burlington Police Department, Minot Rural Fire Department, Burlington Rural Fire Department and Trinity First Response

Vehicle No. 1: 2019 Harley Davidson

Driver No. 1: **Vernon Eckel:** 62-year-old male of Burlington ND, fatal injury

Restraints: no helmet

Charges: none

Passenger No. 1: **Pamela Eckel:** 64-year-old female of Burlington ND, fatal injury

Restraints: no helmet

Vehicle No. 2: 2002 Honda Accord

Driver No. 2: **Adam Trueblood:** 36-year-old male of Minot ND, no injuries

Restraints: seat belted

Charges: under investigation

NARRATIVE:

A 2019 Harley Davidson was traveling westbound on Highway 2 near mile marker 143. A 2002 Honda Accord was at a stop sign at a nearby frontage road. The Honda attempted cross Highway 2. The Harley Davidson struck the Honda. The driver and passenger of the Harley Davidson were ejected. The passenger of the Harley Davidson was pronounced deceased on scene. The driver of the Harley Davidson sustained serious injuries and was transported to Trinity in Minot by ambulance. The driver of the Harley Davidson later was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The driver of the Honda did not sustain injuries.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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