

McKenzie County Fatal Crash - UPDATE

What: Two Vehicle Fatal Crash

Where: Highway 85 Mile Marker 177, 5 miles south of Williston

When: 8/1/2023 approximately 5:59 PM CDT

Road Conditions: Wet

Weather Conditions: Rain

Crash Involvement: Two Vehicle

Type of Crash: Head On Collision

Agencies Involved: NDHP, McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, Williston Rural Fire Department, Williston Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2020 Chevrolet Equinox
Driver No. 1: Maria White, 43 years old, Groves, TX, Fatal Injury
Restraints: Lap and Shoulder Belt
Charges: None

Passenger No. 1: Jose White, 42 years old, Groves, TX, Fatal Injury
Restraints: Lab and Shoulder Belt

Vehicle No. 1: 2021 Kenworth Construction
Driver No. 1: Richard Poline, 57 year old, Minot, ND, Minor Injury
Restraints: Lap and Shoulder Belt
Charges: None

NARRATIVE: A 2020 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Maria White was traveling northbound on Highway 85 near mile marker 177 when it hydroplaned on the wet road caused by a heavy downpour in the area. A Kenworth semi driven by Richard Poline was traveling southbound in the same location at the time. The Equinox crossed over center and struck the Kenworth head

on. **White and her passenger, Jose White**, were pronounced deceased on scene. **Poline** sustained minor injuries and was transported via ambulance to CHI St. Alexius in Williston.

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

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