

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | August 20, 2023

FATAL MOTORCYCLE CRASH

What: Fatal Crash
Where: ND-21, mile marker 114, 7 miles east of Flasher
When: Friday, August 18, 2023 2:17 CDT
Road Conditions: Good seasonal driving conditions/normal
Weather Conditions: Clear/Sunny, 12-17 mph winds, 84 degrees
Crash Involvement: Single vehicle (motorcycle) rollover
Type of Crash: Ran off roadway, overturned
Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol
Morton County Sheriff's Office
Flasher Rural Fire
Flasher Ambulance
Vehicle No. 1: 2019 Indian Roadmaster (motorcycle)
Driver No. 1: Harold Bless, Elgin, ND
Restraints: Helmet not in use
Charges: None

NARRATIVE: Harold Bless was driving a 2019 Indian Roadmaster motorcycle west on ND21. The motorcycle drifted off the pavement to the right as the driver was negotiating a curve to the left, near mile marker 114. The motorcycle overturned as it was being maneuvered back onto the pavement. Mr. Bless was ejected off the motorcycle and sustained fatal injuries. Mr. Bless was not wearing a helmet and was pronounced dead at the scene by the county coroner. This case is under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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