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## Mountrail County Fatal Crash - UPDATE

**What:** One Vehicle Fatal Crash

**Where:** 87<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, New Town

**When:** 8/5/2023 approximately 11:20 PM CDT

**Road Conditions:** Dry

**Weather Conditions:** Clear

**Crash Involvement:** One Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rollover

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Mountrail County Sheriff's Office, Three Affiliated Tribes Police, New Town Fire Department, New Town Ambulance, Parshall Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2002 Mercury Mountaineer

**Driver No. 1:** Salvador Mendiola, 32 years old, Mexico, Fatal Injury

**Restraints:** None

**Charges:** None

**Passenger No. 1:** Lazaro Gonzalez, 25 years old, Mexico, Serious Injury

**Restraints:** None

**Passenger No. 1:** Salvador Gonzalez, 26 years old, Mexico, Minor Injury

**Restraints:** Lap and Shoulder Belt

**NARRATIVE:** A 2002 Mercury Mountaineer was traveling southbound on 87<sup>th</sup> Ave NW in New Town. The SUV failed to negotiate a curve and ran off the road. The SUV then rolled before coming to rest in the ditch. The driver (Salvador Mendiola) and front passenger (Lazaro Gonzalez) were not wearing seat belts and were ejected from the vehicle. The rear passenger was wearing a seat belt and was not ejected. Mendiola, a 32 year old male from Mexico, was pronounced deceased on scene. L. Gonzalez, a 25 year old male from Mexico,

sustained serious injuries and was transported via ambulance to Trinity in Minot. The rear passenger (Salvador Gonzalez), a 26 year old male from Mexico, sustained minor injuries and was not transported from the scene.

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

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