

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | December 16, 2023

**UPDATED: McHenry County Single Vehicle Fatal Crash**

**What:** Fatality

**Where:** Highway 2 MM 180, 13 miles west of Towner, ND

**When:** 12/15/2023 at approximately 1152 AM CST

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Sunny

**Crash Involvement:** Single Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Fixed Object (Ditch)

**Agencies Involved:** McHenry County Sheriff's Office, North Dakota Highway Patrol, Towner Fire, Granville Fire, and Towner Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2015 Freightliner Truck

**Driver No. 1:** Douglas Stewart, Male, 69, St. John, ND, Fatal Injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt not in use

**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** A 2015 Freightliner garbage truck was westbound on Highway 2 near MM 179 and left the roadway, entering the median. The vehicle vaulted over a highway crossover and landed in the median where it crossed back over the westbound lanes and came to rest in the north ditch. The driver was pronounced deceased on scene.

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

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