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Kidder County Rollover Injury Crash

What: Injury Crash

Where: I-94 MM 217(3 miles east of Tappen)

When: 12/24/2023 at 10:03 AM CST

Road Conditions: Icy/Slush

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

Crash Involvement: Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rollover

Agencies Involved: ND Highway Patrol, Steele Fire and Rescue, Kidder County Ambulance, Tappen Fire and Rescue, Sanford AirMed

Vehicle No. 1: 2005 Chrysler Town & Country

Driver No. 1: Donald Bitzan, 33-year-old male from Casselton, ND, serious non-life-threatening Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in Use

Charges: No charges filed

Passenger No. 1: Tanya Bitzan, 32-year-old female from Casselton, ND, no injury

Restraints: Seatbelt in Use

Passenger No. 2-6: 1-, 3-, and 9-year-old females; 5- and 7-year-old male-no injuries

Restraints: All in appropriate child restraint devices

NARRATIVE: Donald Bitzan was traveling westbound on I-94 when he lost control of his vehicle on icy/slush covered roads. Bitzan crossed the median and entered the eastbound lanes. Vehicle rolled multiple times in the eastbound lanes. The vehicle came to rest on its roof blocking the right lane of the eastbound lanes of I-94. Bitzan was transported to Steele by Kidder County Ambulance and then life flighted by Sanford AirMed to Sanford Hospital in

Bismarck for serious non-life-threatening injuries. All other occupants were properly restrained and not injured.

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