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Barnes County Fatal Crash- 2 miles west of Pillsbury

What: One vehicle rollover fatal crash

Where: 125th Ave & 14th St SE Hope, ND- 2 miles west of Pillsbury

When: July 13, 2023 at 3:51PM

Road Conditions: Dry gravel

Weather Conditions: Clear skies

Crash Involvement: Chevrolet Cobalt left the roadway and overturned.

Agencies Involved: Barnes County Sheriff, Hope Ambulance, Barnes County Ambulance, Valley City Fire and Rescue, and the ND Highway Patrol.

Vehicle No. 1: 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt

Driver No. 1: Marlene Wixon, 84, of Hope, ND- Injured

Restraints: Not belted

Charges: None

Passenger: 88-year-old male from Hope, ND- Deceased

Restraints: not belted

NARRATIVE:

At 3:51PM the Chevy Cobalt was driving south on 125th Ave SE. The driver, Marlene Wixon, lost control of the vehicle and ran off the road into the east ditch. The vehicle overturned and came to rest on its wheels facing north.

The 88-year-old male passenger was treated on scene for his injuries sustained in the crash. He was transported to CHI Mercy Hospital in Valley City where he pronounced deceased. Marlene was transported to CHI Mercy Hospital for minor injuries sustained in the crash. Both occupants were not wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

Both occupants were assisted out of the vehicle by Hope Ambulance, Barnes County Ambulance, and Valley City Fire and Rescue. No extrication was needed.

The crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol.

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