

NEWS RELEASE | FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | July 14, 2023

**\*Updated\*** Barnes County Fatal Crash- 2 miles west of Pillsbury  
**Name Release**

**What:** One vehicle rollover fatal crash

**Where:** 125<sup>th</sup> Ave & 14<sup>th</sup> 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:** Wesley Wixon, 88, of Hope, ND- Deceased

**Restraints:** not belted

## **NARRATIVE:**

At 3:51PM the Chevy Cobalt was driving south on 125<sup>th</sup> 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 it's wheels facing north.

The 88-year-old male passenger, Wesley Wixon, was treated on scene for his injuries sustained in the crash. He was transported to CHI Mercy Hospital in Valley City where he was 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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