

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

**UPDATE**

**2 Motorcycle Fatality Crash**

**What:** Fatality Crash

**Where:** County Rd 139, 2 miles east of New Salem

**When:** 7/15/2023 4:35 PM Central Time

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Good

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle/Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Sideswipe

**Agencies Involved:** ND Highway Patrol, Morton County Sheriff's Department, New Salem Rural Fire, New Salem Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2017 Harley Davidson Motorcycle

**Driver No. 1:** Stephanie Murray, 37-year-old female from Wilton, No injuries

**Restraints:** helmet in use

**Charges:** No charges filed

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2020 Harley Davidson Motorcycle

**Driver No. 2:** TAMI PETERSEN-NESS, 56-year-old female from Minot, fatal

**Restraints:** Helmet in use

**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** Two motorcycles were traveling eastbound on County Rd 139 east of New Salem in a group of approximately 60 motorcycles. Both motorcycles were riding next to each other in the eastbound lane. Motorcycle 1 was in center of the lane and Motorcycle 2 was to the right of it slightly behind. Motorcycle 2 then braked and veered to the left clipping Motorcycle 1. Motorcycle 1 stayed upright, and driver was not injured. Motorcycle 2 entered

the north ditch, and the driver was thrown from the bike. Driver of Motorcycle 2, **TAMI PETERSEN-NESS**, was transported to CHI St Alexius in Bismarck where she was pronounced deceased. Crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol. Names will be released at a later date.

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