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## **Fatal Crash near St. Thomas**

**What:** Fatality

**Where:** US Highway 81 mm 203

**When:** 03/14/2023 @ 08:40 AM

**Road Conditions:** Ice covered

**Weather Conditions:** Sunny, blowing snow

**Crash Involvement:** Semi v. Car

**Type of Crash:** Right-Angle

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Pembina County Sheriff's Office, Valley Ambulance and Rescue

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2019 Freightliner semi pulling a trailer

**Driver No. 1:** Zenon Flores-Pacheco; 65 yo male; Iztapalapa, Mexico; minor injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Charges:** none

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2009 Buick Lucerne

**Driver No. 2:** To be named later; 58 yo female; Grand Forks, ND; fatal injuries

**Restraints:** none

**Charges:** N/A

**NARRATIVE:** The Buick was northbound on US 81 when the driver drove over a long patch of ice and lost control of her vehicle. The Buick slid into the south bound lane and was struck by the semi in a right angle manner on the passenger side. The driver of the Buick suffered fatal injuries due to the crash and Flores-Pacheco suffered minor injuries. The name will be released at a later date for the deceased driver. The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.



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