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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: Melynie Wolfgram; 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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