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Rolette County Fatal Crash UPDATE

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Intersection of County Road 15 & 89th Street Northeast (approximately 3 miles north of Rolette)

When: September 14, 2023 @ approximately 6:10 PM CST

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Two-vehicles

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Rolette County Sheriff's Office, Rolette Fire Department, Belcourt Fire Department, Rolla Ambulance & Rolette Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2007 International Truck pulling grain trailer

Driver No. 1: **Derrek Martin:** 25-year-old male, serious injury

Restraints: seatbelt, no airbags

Charges: under investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 1999 Chevrolet Silverado

Driver No. 2: **Cody Wolthuis:** 30-year-old male of Fargo ND, fatal injury

Restraints: no seatbelt, front airbags deployed

Charges: none

NARRATIVE: An International Truck pulling a loaded grain trailer was southbound on Rolette County Road 15 approaching the intersection with 89th Street Northeast. A 1999 Chevrolet Silverado was eastbound on 89th Street Northeast and failed to yield. The semi-truck struck the Silverado on its driver's side. The Silverado entered the west ditch. The driver of the Silverado was ejected and pronounced deceased on scene. The semi-truck entered the east ditch and caught on fire. The driver of the semi-truck sustained serious injuries and was transported to SMP St. Kateri in Rolla ND.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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