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Ward County Injury Crash UPDATE

What: Injury Crash

Where: Highway 83 near mile marker 192.8 (approximately 5 miles south of Minot)

When: September 19, 2023 @ 3:32 PM CST

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Two vehicles

Type of Crash: Rear end

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Ward County Sheriff's Office, Minot Rural Fire Department and Trinity First Response

Vehicle No. 1: 2023 Buick Enclave

Driver No. 1: **John Mjoen**: 79-year-old male of Newburg ND, minor injury

Restraints: Seatbelt in use and airbags deployed

Charges: under investigation

Passenger No. 1: **Carolyn Mjoen**: 71-year-old female of Newburg ND, serious injury

Restraints: Seatbelt in use and airbags deployed

Vehicle No. 2: 2016 GMC Yukon

Driver No. 2: **Erica Erck**: 43-year-old female of Minot ND, serious injury

Restraints: Seat belt in use and no airbags

Charges: under investigation

NARRATIVE: A 2016 GMC Yukon was northbound on Highway 83 and a 2023 Buick Enclave was behind the Yukon also northbound on Highway 83. Both vehicles were in the left lane of travel. The Yukon was approaching the intersection with 107th Avenue Southwest. The Yukon was attempting to turn left and go west on 107th Avenue Southwest. The Enclave struck the Yukon's rear end. Both vehicles came to final rest in the center median. The passenger of the Enclave was transported to Trinity Hospital. The driver of the Yukon was also transported to Trinity Hospital.

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

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