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Additional Update Ransom County 3 vehicle **Fatality**, DUI Crash

What: Serious Injury Crash

Where: State Highway 32 mile marker 30, approximately 5 miles south of Lisbon

When: 8-6-2024 2:45 PM CST

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Sunny

Crash Involvement: 3 vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear-End/Head-on

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Ransom County Sheriff's Department, Sargent County Sheriff's Department, Lisbon Ambulance, Lisbon Fire Department, Sanford AirMed

Vehicle No. 1: 2018 Honda Civic

Driver No. 1: Amber Patel, 37yo female, Oakes, ND, not injured

Restraints: seatbelt, airbag

Charges: DUI, **Criminal vehicular homicide**

Vehicle No. 2: 2002 Toyota Camry

Driver No. 2: Jerry Rufsvold, 67yo male, Lisbon, ND, **fatality**

Restraints: seatbelt not worn, airbag

Charges: no charges filed

Vehicle No. 3: 2012 Chevrolet Cruze

Driver No. 3: Jacob Urbach, 21yo male, Lisbon, ND, not injured

Restraints: seatbelt, airbag

Charges: no charges filed

NARRATIVE:

The Toyota was stopped facing southbound on State Highway 32 to turn left (east) onto 73rd St SE. The Honda was traveling south behind the Toyota and rear-ended it, pushing it into the northbound lane. The Chevrolet was northbound and struck the Toyota head-on.

The Toyota came to rest facing west in the southbound lane. The Honda came to rest facing north in the middle of the roadway. The Chevrolet came to rest facing east in the east ditch.

The driver of the Toyota was transferred to Sanford Hospital in Fargo by Sanford AirMed with life threatening injury. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol. Rufsvold died on 8-10-24. The criminal vehicular injury charges against Patel will be amended to criminal vehicular homicide.

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