

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | February 26, 2024

### Traffic Fatality on US-83 near Hazelton

**What:** Fatal Crash

**Where:** US-83 at mile marker 41  
At the intersection with ND-34/64<sup>th</sup> St. SE just north of Hazelton

**When:** February 26, 2024, at approximately 9:30am

**Road Conditions:** Dry, clear

**Weather Conditions:** 5 mph wind, 43F

**Crash Involvement:** Pickup and Semi tractor-trailer

**Type of Crash:** Right Angle

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol  
Emmons County Sheriff's Office  
Linton Ambulance Service  
Hazelton Fire Department  
Braddock Fire Department

**Vehicle No. 1:** 1999 Peterbilt Tractor hauling loaded grain trailer

**Driver No. 1:** 23-year-old male, Napoleon Not Injured

**Restraints:** Seat belt in use

**Charges:** None, under investigation

**Vehicle No. 2:** 1985 Chevrolet K20 pickup

**Driver No. 2:** 71-year-old male, Hazelton Fatal Injuries

**Restraints:** Not in use

**Charges:** None, under investigation

**NARRATIVE:** A two-vehicle fatal crash happened on the north side of Hazelton on US-83, at the intersection of 64<sup>th</sup> St. SE and ND-34. A semi hauling agricultural products was northbound on US-83 from Linton to Sterling when it collided with a pickup that was

eastbound on 64<sup>th</sup> St SE, heading toward ND-34. The roadways intersecting US-83 were posted with stop signs. The semi struck the right side of the pickup. Both vehicles came to rest, interlocked, in the east ditch to the northeast of the intersection. The 71-year-old driver of the pickup was extricated by Fire and EMS. The driver of the pickup was transported by ambulance to the Linton hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The driver of the semi was not injured and declined medical treatment. This crash is pending investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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