

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | January 22, 2024

## **Williams Injury Crash**

**What:** Injury Crash

**Where:** Highway 1804 mile marker 333 approximately 1 mile west of Trenton, ND

**When:** January 22, 2024, at approximately 11:55AM CST

**Road Conditions:** Wet, Snow covered.

**Weather Conditions:** Cloudy, snowing in the area

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle vs Tractor

**Type of Crash:** Angle

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Williams County Sheriff's Office, Williston Ambulance, Trenton Rural Fire Department, Williston Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2009 Freightliner

**Driver No. 1:** Michael McGrath, 58 year old, Benton, AR - Uninjured

**Restraints:** seatbelt in use

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2020 Kubota M5

**Driver No. 2:** Lester LaDue, 81 year old male, Trenton, ND – Serious life-threatening injuries.

**Restraints:** Unknown

## **NARRATIVE:**

The Kubota was traveling eastbound on Hwy 1804 at slow speed. The Freightliner was traveling eastbound behind the Kubota and 2 other vehicles. The two vehicles passed the Kubota in the left lane. The freightliner began to pass the Kubota in the left lane as well. The Kubota began to turn left onto 147<sup>th</sup> Ave NW. The Kubota was struck by the Freightliner. Both the Kubota and Freightliner came to rest in the north ditch. The driver of the Kubota was transported by ambulance to CHI St. Alexius and sustained serious injuries in the crash.

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

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