

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | July 29, 2024

**Update Injury Crash - Nelson County**

**What:** Injury Crash

**Where:** ND Highway 1 @ Mile Marker 147.2 ~ ½ Mile East & 1 Mile North of Pekin

**When:** July 20, 2024 @ 4:03 P.M. CST

**Road Conditions:** Dry

**Weather Conditions:** Clear

**Crash Involvement:** Non-collision with Motor Vehicle in Transport

**Type of Crash:** Overturn/Rollover

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Nelson County Sheriff Department, McVile Fire Department, Pekin Fire Department, McVile Ambulance Service, Lake Region Ambulance Service

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2000 Harley Davidson Heritage Classic Motorcycle

**Driver No. 1:** Ricky Howatt; 63; Cooperstown, North Dakota; serious-life-threatening injuries

**Restraints:** No Helmet Worn

**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** Ricky Howatt was traveling northbound on ND Highway 1 and for unknown reasons lost control and overturned his motorcycle. Howatt was thrown from the motorcycle as a result and sustained serious injuries. Howatt was transported by ambulance to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks for injuries sustained in the crash.

On Saturday, July 27, 2024, Howatt died from injuries he sustained in the crash while at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks.

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