

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | June 18, 2024

Mountrail County Fatal Crash

What: Fatality

Where: Highway 23 Mile Marker 54, Approximately 3 miles east of New Town

When: June 18, 2024, at approximately 4:03 AM CT

Road Conditions: Wet

Weather Conditions: Light Rain

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Construction Equipment

Type of Crash: Rear End

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Mountrail County Sheriff's Office, Three Affiliated Tribes Police Department, New Town Ambulance, New Town Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2017 Honda CR-V

Driver No. 1: 18 Year Old Male, New Town, ND. Fatal Injuries

Restraints: Lap and shoulder belt used. Air bags deployed

Charges: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2014 John Deere 744 Payloader

Driver No. 2: 25 Year Old Male, Mexico. Not injured

Charges: Under Investigation

NARRATIVE: On June 18, 2024, at approximately 04:03 am, a 2014 John Deere 744 Payloader was driving west on Highway 23 near mile marker 54. The payloader had all of the front lights and rear lights activated. The operator of the payloader observed a vehicle (2017 Honda CR-V) traveling west on Highway 23 coming up behind the payloader. The operator of the payloader merged toward the shoulder of the road. The Honda CR-V struck the right rear corner of the payloader. The payloader came to rest in the westbound lanes of Highway 23. The Honda CR-V came to rest on the north side of Highway 23. The driver of the payloader

was not injured. The driver of the Honda CR-V sustained fatal injuries. The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP. Release of names is pending next of kin notification.

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