

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | June 30, 2024

Ward County Rear End Fatal Crash

What: Fatality Crash

Where: US Hwy 83 Approx. MM 194, 4 miles south of Minot, ND

When: 06/30/2024 at approx. 1108 AM CST

Road Conditions: Good, Dry

Weather Conditions: Sunny

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear End Crash

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Ward County Sheriff's Office, Minot Rural Fire Department, Trinity First Response

Vehicle No. 1: 2014, Jeep, Grand Cherokee

Driver No. 1: Geoffrey Vannerson, 36 YOA, Male, Underwood, ND, Minor Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: Pending Investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2023, Mitsubishi, Outlander

Driver No. 2: Male, 68YOA, Bismarck, ND, Fatal Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: None

Passenger No. 1: Female, 63YOA, Orland, CA, Minor Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

NARRATIVE: The Mitsubishi was southbound on US Highway 83 and began to slow in the driving lane to check on a vehicle stopped on the west shoulder. A Jeep was also southbound on US Highway 83 and rear ended the slowing Mitsubishi. The Jeep came to rest in the center ditch and the Mitsubishi came to rest on the shoulder. The driver of the Mitsubishi was transported to Trinity Hospital where he succumbed to his fatal injuries. The passenger and

other driver sustained minor injuries in the crash. This crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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