

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | June 4, 2024

2 Vehicle Fatality Crash in Mercer County

What: Fatality

Where: Highway 49 MM 89 (11 miles south of Beulah)

When: 6/4/2024 2:38 PM Central

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Sunny

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear-End

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Mercer County Sheriff's Department, Hazen Ambulance, Hazen Fire, Beulah Fire

Vehicle No. 1: 2024 Volkswagen Tiguan

Driver No. 1: 20-year-old male from Riverton, Utah, Fatality

Restraints: seatbelt in use

Charges: no charges filed

Passenger No. 1: 20-year-old male from Ely, Nevada, Fatality

Restraints: seatbelt in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2024 Volvo Semi-Truck

Driver No. 2: Brandon Boucher, from Minot, no injuries

Charges: no charges filed

NARRATIVE: Highway 49 northbound traffic was stopped by the fire department for a vehicle fire that was blocking the roadway. The Volvo truck was stopped in the northbound lane with more vehicles in front of him stopped. Volkswagen Tiguan was traveling northbound and did not see the stopped semi in the roadway. Volkswagen Tiguan struck the Volvo's

trailer in the rear-end. Both occupants of the Volkswagen were pronounced deceased on scene. Boucher was not injured. Crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol.

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