

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | May 17, 2024

**Cass County Vehicle/Train Crash**  
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**What:** Serious Injury – Vehicle/Train Crash

**Where:** 154 Ave SE, 1 mile west of Casselton

**When:** 7:00 AM Central Time

**Road Conditions:** Good, Gravel

**Weather Conditions:** Overcast

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle/Train

**Type of Crash:** Right angle

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Cass County Sheriff's Office, Casselton

Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2021 Toyota Tacoma

**Driver No. 1:** John Bauer, 43, Male, Omaha, Nebraska

**Restraints:** Seatbelt used, airbags deployed

**Charges:** Distracted Driving, DUI, Open container of an alcoholic beverage, Unlawful possession of THC

**NARRATIVE:**

A 2021 Toyota Tacoma was southbound on 154<sup>th</sup> Ave SE just west of Casselton. A Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) train was traveling westbound on the rail line. Bauer failed to yield and attempted to cross the railroad tracks. The BNSF train struck the front of the Toyota causing it to spinout, strike a crossbucks sign and come to final rest facing south to the northwest of the crossing. Bauer incurred serious injuries and was taken to Sanford Hospital, Fargo.



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