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UPDATE

Stark County 1 Vehicle Fatality Crash

What: Fatality

Where: I-94 MM 73(1 mile east of Gladstone)

When: 11/23/2024 at 8:26 AM Mountain Time

Road Conditions: Ice Covered

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

Type of Crash: 1 Vehicle Rollover

Agencies Involved: ND Highway Patrol, Stark County Sheriff's Department, Dickinson

Ambulance, Dickinson Rural Fire

Vehicle No. 1: 2003 Dodge Ram towing gooseneck trailer

Driver No. 1: **Richard Rauch JR**, 68-year-old male from Langford, SD, **Fatality**

Restraints: Seatbelt in Use

Charges: No charges filed

Passenger No. 1: **Richard Rauch III**, 35-year-old male from Langford, SD, Serious Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in Use

NARRATIVE: A 2003 Dodge Ram, traveling westbound on I-94 while towing a gooseneck trailer, lost control after hitting a patch of ice on a bridge deck. The vehicle veered into the north ditch and overturned. The trailer detached, and its rear end landed on top of the vehicle, which had come to rest on its passenger's side. Both occupants were transported to CHI St. Alexius in Dickinson. The driver died from his injuries at the hospital, while the passenger sustained serious injuries. The crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol.

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