

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | October 14, 2024

## **Wells County DUI Injury Crash**

**What:** Injury

**Where:** Hwy 200 MM 208 (Approximately 1.5 miles west of Skyeston)

**When:** October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:36 PM (Central Time).

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Cloudy

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle vs Vehicle.

**Type of Crash:** Rear-end

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Wells County Sheriff's Department, Skyeston Fire Department, Carrington Ambulance.

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2019 Ford F-150

**Driver No. 1:** 36-year-old male from West Fargo, ND (Serious life-threatening Injuries).

**Restraints:** no seatbelt. Front airbag deployment.

**Charges:** Driving under the influence of alcohol, Driving under suspension.

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2004 Kenworth Semi-truck, pulling a grain trailer.

**Driver No. 2:** 45-year-old male from Cathay, ND (Not injured).

**Restraints:** seatbelt

**Charges:** no charges

## **NARRATIVE:**

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:36 PM (Central Time) a serious injury DUI crash occurred between two vehicles on Hwy 200 near MM 208 approximately 1.5 miles west of Skyeston, ND.

A Kenworth semi-truck hauling a grain trailer was traveling westbound on Hwy 200. The driver of the semi-truck attempted to make a right turn into a farmyard near this location. A 2019 Ford F-150 traveling behind the semi-truck failed to notice the semi-truck was slowing to make the turn.

The driver of the F-150 struck the back of the semi-truck's trailer at road speed. The semi-truck was partially in the driveway of the Farm when this collision occurred.

The F-150 came to rest in the westbound lane of Hwy 200. The semi-truck came to rest in the driveway of the farm.

The driver of the F-150 sustained serious life-threatening injuries and was transported by ambulance to the Carrington Hospital. The driver was stabilized, and life flighted to Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND. The driver of the semi-truck was not injured.

The driver of the Ford F-150 was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Driving Under Suspension.

This crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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