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McKenzie County Fatal Crash
UPDATE NAME RELEASE

What: Fatality

Where: Highway 23, mm 31, Approximately 16 miles West of New Town

When: October 28, 2024 at 08:13 AM CT

Road Conditions: Good, Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs Vehicle

Type of Crash: Head on

Agencies Involved: NDHP, McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, McKenzie County Ambulance, Keene Fire and Rescue

Vehicle No. 1: 2017 Ford F-250

Driver No. 1: Travis Nofoa, 29 Year Old Male, Las Vegas, NV Fatal Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt used, Airbags deployed

Vehicle No. 2: 2018 Freightliner Semi

Driver No. 2: Kessellie Boakai, 47 Year Old Male, Sioux Falls, SD Serious Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt used

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: On 10/28/2024 at approximately 08:13 am, a Ford F-250 being operated by Travis Nofoa was driving west on Highway 23 near mile marker 31. The F-250 crossed over the center line in front of a 2018 Freightliner being operated by Kessellie Boakai which was driving east on Highway 23. The F-250 collided with the Freightliner head on. The F-250 came to rest facing west in the westbound lane of Highway 23. The Freightliner came to rest on the south shoulder of Highway 23. Travis Nofoa sustained fatal injuries. Kessellie Boakai sustained

serious injuries and was transported to McKenzie County Health in Watford City and later flown to Trinity Health in Minot. Highway 23 near the scene of the crash was shut down for approximately four hours while crews worked to clear the road. The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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