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Kidder County Three-Vehicle Fatal Crash UPDATE 2

UPDATE: Passenger Mahlon Jeffries died of injuries from the crash on August 8.

What: Fatal

Where: Highway 3; mile marker 126

When: July 25, 2025, 8:00 p.m. CST

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Good

Crash Involvement: Three vehicles

Type of Crash: Sideswipe/Head-on

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Kidder County Sheriff's Office, Steele Police Department, McLean County Sheriff's Office, Bowdon Ambulance, Steele Ambulance, Kidder County EMS, Wilton Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2008 Pontiac G6

Driver No. 1: Matthew Yunker, 36, Hensler, Fatality

Restraints: No seatbelt worn

Vehicle No. 2: 2013 Chevrolet Equinox

Driver No. 2: Derek Jackson, 47, Harvey, not injured

Restraints: Seatbelt worn

Charges: None

Vehicle No. 3: 2010 Dodge Challenger

Driver No. 3: Milton Jeffries, 61, Eagle Butte, SD, Fatality

Restraints: No seatbelt worn

Passenger No. 1: Mahlon Jeffries, 62, Eagle Butte, SD, fatal injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt worn

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NARRATIVE: On July 25, 2025, a fatal three-vehicle crash occurred on North Dakota Highway 3 at mile marker 126 in Kidder County. A Pontiac G6 driven by Matthew Yunker was traveling southbound in the northbound lane when it sideswiped a northbound Chevrolet Equinox, being driven by Derek Jackson. The impact caused the Pontiac G6 to become airborne, where it then collided with a northbound Dodge Challenger, driven by Milton Jeffries.

Jackson was uninjured. Both Yunker and Jeffries were ejected and pronounced deceased at the scene. The passenger of the Dodge Challenger, Mahlon Jeffries, sustained serious injuries and was transported via ground and air ambulance.

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

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