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**McHenry County Fatal Crash UPDATE**

**What:** Fatality

**Where:** 1600 Blk 80<sup>th</sup> Street North, 10 miles west of Upham

**When:** August 23, 2025, at 11:45 p.m. Central Time

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Good

**Crash Involvement:** Three vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rear end

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, McHenry County Sheriff's Office, Upham Fire, Upham Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2002 Chevrolet Silverado

**Driver No. 1:** Colten Olson, 19, Bottineau, fatality

**Restraints:** Under investigation

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2006 Freightliner

**Driver No. 2:** Unoccupied

**Charges:** Under investigation

**Vehicle No. 3:** 2008 Dodge Ram 3500

**Driver No. 3:** Paul Weis, 56, Minot, not injured

**Restraints:** None

**Charges:** None

**Passenger No. 1:** Bernard Boamah, 48, Minot, not injured

**Restraints:** Unknown

**NARRATIVE:** On Saturday, August 23, 2025, at approximately 11:45 p.m., a 2006 Freightliner semi-truck was disabled on the westbound shoulder and partially in the roadway on 80th Street North, just

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east of the intersection with 17th Avenue North. The Freightliner had its rear lights activated and emergency triangles placed at the rear of the vehicle. A 2008 Ram was parked nose-to-nose in front of the Freightliner as its occupants, Paul Weis and Bernard Boamah, attempted to repair the disabled semi. A 2002 Chevrolet driven by Colten Olson was traveling westbound on 80th Street North when it collided with the rear of the semi-trailer combination. Olson was pronounced deceased on the scene.

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

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