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## **Walsh County Injury Crash**

**What:** Injury Crash

**Where:** North Dakota Highway 17, near mile marker 129; east side of Grafton

**When:** August 29, 2025; at approximately 7:53 AM CDT

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Foggy

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle/Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Head-on

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Grafton Police Department, Walsh County Sheriff's Department, Grafton Fire Department, and Valley Ambulance Service

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2024 Ford Escape

**Driver No. 1:** Female; 70 years old; Cavalier, ND; serious injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt worn; airbags deployed

**Charges:** Under investigation

**Passenger No. 1:** Male; 65 years old; Grafton, ND; serious injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt worn; airbags deployed

**Vehicle No. 2:** 1992 Ford F150

**Driver No. 1:** Juvenile driver, non-life-threatening injury

**NARRATIVE:** The Escape was eastbound on ND Highway 17, approaching an eastbound implement of husbandry (a farm tractor pulling a chisel plow) in the lanes of travel. The F150 was westbound on ND Highway 17, in the left lane. The driver of the Escape attempted to overtake the implement of husbandry in a no passing zone, crossed the centerline, and struck the F150 head-on. At the time of the crash, dense fog was present. The occupants of the Escape were transported to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks. The juvenile

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driver was transported to a local hospital and their name will not be released. The farm implement was not part of the crash.

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

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