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**GRIGGS COUNTY INJURY CRASH UPDATE**

**What:** Two vehicle injury crash

**Where:** 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE, south of Hwy 200; east of Cooperstown

**When:** Thursday, August 7, 2025; 10:44 AM, Central Time

**Road Conditions:** Dry

**Weather Conditions:** Clear, sunny

**Crash Involvement:** Two vehicles

**Type of Crash:** Angle

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Traill County Sheriff's Office, Steele County Sheriff's Office, and Sanford Airmed

**Vehicle No. 1:** 1994 Peterbilt

**Driver No. 1:** Brent Lenz, 57, Finley, not injured

**Restraints:** Under investigation

**Charges:** Under investigation

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2013 John Deere 8310R Tractor with batwing mower

**Driver No. 1:** John Nelson, 85, Hope, ND, serious injuries

**Restraints:** None

**NARRATIVE:** On Thursday, August 7 at approximately 10:44 AM, a 2013 John Deere Tractor pulling a mower was mowing the roadway ditch. The driver, John Nelson, pulled out into the road and began backing into an approach. A northbound 1994 Peterbilt driven by Brent Lenz struck the left side of the tractor. Nelson was ejected. He was transported to Sanford Medical Center-Fargo. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.



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