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## McHenry County Fatal Crash - UPDATE

**What:** Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Fatal Crash

**Where:** 100 Block 42<sup>nd</sup> St N, approximately 5 miles south of Karlsruhe

**When:** 1/8/2025 approximately 9:05 PM CST

**Road Conditions:** Wet

**Weather Conditions:** Rain/snow mix

**Crash Involvement:** Towed Vehicle vs. Pedestrian

**Type of Crash:** Non-collision

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, McHenry County Sheriff's Office, Velva Ambulance, Trinity First Response

**Vehicle No. 1:** 1989 Ford F350  
**Driver No. 1:** Corey Stevens, 64 years old, Voltaire, ND, Fatal  
**Restraints:** None  
**Charges:** None

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2002 GMC Yukon  
**Driver No. 1:** James Ryan, 74 years old, Balfour, ND, Uninjured  
**Restraints:** None  
**Charges:** Under Investigation

**NARRATIVE:** A 1989 Ford F350 being driven by Corey Stevens, from Voltaire, ND attempted to leave a driveway on 42<sup>nd</sup> St N in rural McHenry County when it went off the driveway and got stuck in a ditch. A 2002 GMC Yukon being driven by James Ryan, from Balfour attempted to tow the Ford out of the ditch. As they were towing the vehicle, they got close to a nearby structure. They stopped to check their progress and Stevens exited his vehicle. Ryan continued to tow the vehicle, not knowing that Stevens had exited. Stevens was then pinned between the Ford and the structure. Stevens was extricated and CPR was performed on scene. Stevens succumbed to his injuries on the way to the hospital.



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

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