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BARNES COUNTY INJURY CRASH UPDATE

What: Single Vehicle Injury Crash

Where: County Road 21, intersection with 43rd Street SE, south of Valley City

When: Tuesday, July 22, 2025; 12:02 AM, CT

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Dark, dry

Crash Involvement: Single vehicle

Type of Crash: Rollover

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Barnes County Sheriff's Office, Valley City Police Department, Barnes County Ambulance, Valley City Rural Fire Department and Kathryn Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2023 Dodge Ram

Driver No. 1: David Bjornson, 62, Spiritwood, ND, serious injuries

Restraints: No seatbelt in use

Charges: Criminal Vehicular Injury, Class C Felony

Passenger No. 1: Robert Hoyt, 60, Eckelson, ND, serious injuries

Restraints: No seatbelt in use

NARRATIVE: On Tuesday, July 22 at approximately 12:02 AM, a Dodge Ram driven by David Bjornson, was northbound on Barnes County Road 21 and the intersection with 43rd Street SE south of Valley City. The Ram failed to negotiate the curve, left the roadway and rolled. Bjornson and passenger Robert Hoyt were seriously injured in the crash and transported to Mercy Hospital in Valley City, then Sanford Medical Center-Fargo. Bjornson was charged with criminal vehicular injury. The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.



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