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Benson County Fatality Crash UPDATE

What: Fatality

Where: 65th Avenue NE (Old US Highway 281), south of US Highway 2

When: July 26, 2025, 8:16 a.m. CST, exact date and time unknown

Road Conditions: Pavement to gravel transition

Weather Conditions: Good

Crash Involvement: Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rollover

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, US Border Patrol, ND Game & Fish Department, Lake Region Search & Rescue, Leeds Ambulance Service, Leeds Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 1999 Toyota Camry

Driver No. 1: Rita Kubat, 67, Jamestown, Fatality

Restraints: No seatbelt in use

NARRATIVE: On July 26, 2025, the North Dakota Highway Patrol responded to a report of a submerged vehicle in Stink Lake. The exact date and time of the crash are currently unknown. Preliminary investigation at the scene revealed tire marks in the gravel, indicating a recent crash. The Toyota entered the west ditch and rolled over large rocks before coming to rest on its roof in Stink Lake. The driver of the Toyota, Rita Kubat, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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

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