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**Kidder County Three-Vehicle Fatal Crash UPDATE**

**What:** Fatal

**Where:** Highway 3; mile marker 126

**When:** July 25, 2025, 8:00 p.m. CST

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Good

**Crash Involvement:** Three vehicles

**Type of Crash:** Sideswipe/Head-on

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Kidder County Sheriff's Office, Steele Police Department, McLean County Sheriff's Office, Bowdon Ambulance, Steele Ambulance, Kidder County EMS, Wilton Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2008 Pontiac G6

**Driver No. 1:** Matthew Yunker, 36, Hensler, Fatality

**Restraints:** No seatbelt worn

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2013 Chevrolet Equinox

**Driver No. 2:** Derek Jackson, 47, Harvey, not injured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt worn

**Charges:** None

**Vehicle No. 3:** 2010 Dodge Challenger

**Driver No. 3:** Milton Jeffries, 61, Eagle Butte, SD, Fatality

**Restraints:** No seatbelt worn

**Passenger No. 1:** Mahlon Jeffries, 62, Eagle Butte, SD, Serious Injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt worn

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**NARRATIVE:** On July 25, 2025, a fatal three-vehicle crash occurred on North Dakota Highway 3 at mile marker 126 in Kidder County. A Pontiac G6 driven by Matthew Yunker was traveling southbound in the northbound lane when it sideswiped a northbound Chevrolet Equinox, being driven by Derek Jackson. The impact caused the Pontiac G6 to become airborne, where it then collided with a northbound Dodge Challenger, driven by Milton Jeffries.

Jackson was uninjured. Both Yunker and Jeffries were ejected and pronounced deceased at the scene. The passenger of the Dodge Challenger, Mahlon Jeffries, sustained serious injuries and was transported via ground and air ambulance.

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

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