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WARD COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE 2

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Highway 83, MM 175, north of Max

When: Thursday, May 29, 11:15 PM

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear, dark

Crash Involvement: Pickup/Pickup pulling a trailer

Type of Crash: Wrong-way, head-on

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Ward County Sheriff's Office, Max/Garrison Ambulance, Max Rural Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2000 Chevrolet Silverado

Driver No. 1: Rickey Vetter, 70, Maxbass

Restraints: Unknown

Charges: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2023 Ford F250 towing a 2001 Car Trailer

Driver No. 2: Timothy Goodwin, 31, Williston, serious, non-life-threatening injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: None

Passenger No. 1: Larissa Lake, 30, Williston, serious, non-life-threatening injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt

Passenger No. 2: Juvenile, serious, but non-life-threatening injuries

Restraints: Child restraint device

NARRATIVE: On May 29 at approximately 11:15 PM, a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Rickey Vetter was driving north in the southbound lanes of travel on US Highway 83 and had

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crossed over into Ward County. At an unknown location, Vetter turned around and began traveling south in the northbound lanes. At mile marker 175, the Silverado struck a 2023 Ford F250 towing a car trailer. Vetter died at the scene. The three occupants of the Ford F250 suffered serious, but non-life-threatening injuries and were transported to Trinity Health Hospital, Minot.

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

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