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**Nelson County Two-Vehicle Injury Crash UPDATE**

**What:** Injury

**Where:** Intersection of US Highway 2 and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Petersburg, ND

**When:** July 7, 2025; at approximately 2:03 PM CDT

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Good

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle vs Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Angle

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Nelson County Sheriff's Department, Michigan Ambulance Service

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2023 Hyundai Tucson

**Driver No. 1:** Michael Callahan; 69 years old; Minnewaukan, ND; uninjured

**Restraints:** Seat belt, airbags deployed

**Charges:** Under investigation

**Passenger No. 1:** Jean Callahan, 66 years old; Minnewaukan, ND; serious injuries

**Restraints:** Seat belt, airbags deployed

**Vehicle No. 2:** 1999 Freightliner

**Driver No. 2:** John Fuentes, 46 years old; Scottsbluff, NE; uninjured

**Restraints:** Seat belt

**Charges:** Under investigation

**NARRATIVE:**

On July 7, 2025, at approximately 2:03 p.m., a Hyundai Tucson driven by Michael Callahan, was westbound on U.S. Highway 2. A Freightliner pulling a grain trailer driven by John Fuentes, was northbound on N.D. Highway 32, crossing U.S. Highway 2 onto 1st Avenue in Petersburg, ND. The

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Hyundai Tucson struck the right side of the Freightliner and came to rest in the east ditch of 1st Avenue. The Freightliner came to rest in the west ditch of 1st Avenue. Both occupants of the Hyundai were transported from the scene by ambulance.

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

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