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WARD COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Highway 83, MM 192, south of Minot

When: Friday, August 1; 10:59 AM central time

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear, sunny

Crash Involvement: Two vehicles, rear-end crash

Type of Crash: Rear-end

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Ward County Sheriff's Office, Minot Rural Fire, Trinity Health First Response

Vehicle No. 1: 2018 Ford Escape

Driver No. 1: Jennifer Hartman, 61, Parshall, non-life-threatening injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: Under investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 1992 Geo Metro

Driver No. 2: Duane Biewer, 73, Minot, fatal injuries

Restraints: No seatbelt

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: On Friday, August 1, at approximately 10:59 AM, a Geo Metro driven by Duane Biewer, was traveling northbound on US HWY when a northbound Escape, driven by Jennifer Hartman, rear-ended the Metro. The Metro went into the ditch; the Escape came to rest on the shoulder of the roadway. Biewer died at the scene. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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