

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | June 30, 2025

**WARD COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE**

**What:** Fatal crash

**Where:** U S Highway 2, MM 148, (right before the Hwy 2/Hwy 52 split where Hwy 52 turns south)

**When:** Saturday, June 28; 2:22 AM, Central Time

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Dark, clear

**Crash Involvement:** Single vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rollover

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Minot Police Department, Minot Fire Department, Trinity Health Community Ambulance Service.

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2002 Chevrolet Silverado 2500

**Driver No. 1:** Michael Zepeda, 51, Minot, fatal injuries

**Restraints:** Unknown

**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** On Saturday, June 28 at approximately 2:22 AM, a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Michael Zepeda, was traveling east on US Highway 2 near mile marker 148 in Ward County. The vehicle failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway, entered the ditch and overturned. Zepeda died at the scene. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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