

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | June 6, 2025

**WARD COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE**

**What:** Two Vehicle Fatal Crash

**Where:** 156<sup>th</sup> Street SW /359<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, one mile west of Douglas

**When:** Thursday, June 5, 8:39 AM

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Cloudy

**Crash Involvement:** John Deere side by side/Kenworth Truck

**Type of Crash:** Angle

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Ward County Sheriff's Office, Max Fire Department, Douglas Fire Department, Garrison Ambulance, McLean County Sheriff's Office, and Makoti Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2022 John Deere side by side

**Driver No. 1:** Gorlyn Wohlk, 80, Douglas, fatal injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt not in use

**Charges:** Under investigation

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2014 Kenworth truck

**Driver No. 1:** Richard Spaulding, 68, Minot, injured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt in use

**Charges:** Under investigation

**NARRATIVE:** On Thursday, June 5, at approximately 8:39 AM, a 2022 John Deere side by side driven by Gorlyn Wohlk, was traveling west on 359<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. Richard Spaulding, driving a 2014 Kenworth cement truck, was also traveling west on 359<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. Spaulding began passing the side by side. Wohlk made a left turn in front of the cement truck and was struck by the Kenworth, coming to rest in the north ditch. The cement truck tipped onto the driver side and slid on the roadway blocking both lanes of traffic. Wohlk died from injuries sustained

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in the crash, Spaulding was transported to Trinity Health in Minot. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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