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MORTON COUNTY FATAL MOTORCYCLE CRASH

What: Fatal Motorcycle Crash

Where: Highway 49, MM 66.5

When: Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 5:00 PM (Mountain Time)

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Motorcycle rollover

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Morton County Sheriff's Office, Glen Ullin Fire and Rescue, Glen Ullin Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2007 Harley Davidson Motorcycle

Driver No. 1: Ryan Abels, 52, Carson, fatal injuries

Restraints: No helmet

Charges: Under investigation

NARRATIVE: On Tuesday, May 13 at approximately 5:00 PM MT, a 2007 Harley Davidson was traveling south on Highway 49 between Glen Ullin and Elgin. Abels failed to negotiate a curve and went off the roadway. Abels died at the scene. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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