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WELLS COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

What: Fatal Crash

Where: 29th Street NE and 39th Avenue NE, approximately 2 miles northeast of Harvey

When: 12:53 PM, Friday, October 31

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Dry

Crash Involvement: Two vehicle

Type of Crash: T-bone

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Wells County Sheriff's Office, Harvey Fire Department, Harvey Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2020 Nissan Titan

Driver No. 1: Mark Mears, 47, Harvey, fatal injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt not in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2025 Case 9260 Combine

Driver No. 2: Ethan Arnold, 23, Harvey, not injured

Restraints: Seatbelt not in use

NARRATIVE: On Friday, October 31 at approximately 12:53 PM, a Nissan Titan driven by Mark Mears was traveling eastbound on 29th Street NE. A Case Combine driven by Ethan Arnold was traveling southbound on 39th Avenue NE. The intersection of 29th Street and 39th Avenue is an uncontrolled intersection. Neither vehicle yielded and a t-bone collision occurred. Mears died at the scene; Arnold was not injured.

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

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