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Grand Forks County Vehicle vs Train Fatal Crash UPDATE

What: Fatality

Where: 1600 Block of 17th Avenue NE; approximately 3 miles west of Grand Forks

When: October 4, 2025; at approximately 2200 hours CDT

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear and dark

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs Train

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Grand Forks Sheriff's Office, Grand Forks Fire Department, and Altru Ambulance Service

Vehicle No. 1: 2018 Chevrolet Equinox

Driver No. 1: Scott Wahlstrand; 76, Grand Forks ND; fatal injuries

Restraints: Seat belt not worn and airbags deployed

NARRATIVE: On October 4, 2025 at approximately 10:00 PM, a Chevrolet Equinox driven by Scott Wahlstrand, was high centered, facing south on the railroad tracks located NW of the intersection of 16th Street NE and 17th Avenue NE. An eastbound BNSF train struck the Chevrolet. The Chevrolet was dragged approximately 60 feet, where it came to rest along the railroad tracks. Wahlstrand sustained fatal injuries.

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

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