

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | September 28, 2025

MCKENZIE COUNTY FATAL CRASH

What: Fatality

Where: Intersection of Highway 85 and 23rd Street

When: September 28, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. CDT

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Good

Crash Involvement: Commercial motor vehicle vs vehicle

Type of Crash: T-bone

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, McKenzie Rural Fire, Watford City Police Department, McKenzie County Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2006 Peterbilt truck pulling trailer

Driver No. 1: Male, 41, Bybee, TN, not injured

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: Under investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2013 Ford Fusion

Driver No. 2: Male, 24, Watford City, serious injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: Under investigation

Passenger No. 1: Female, 25, Watford City, fatality

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Passenger No. 2: Female, 5, Watford City, fatality (juvenile name will not be released)

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

NARRATIVE: On September 28, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., a 2013 Ford Fusion was traveling southbound on Highway 85 approaching the intersection with 23rd St. NW south of Watford City. At the same time, a 2006 Peterbilt truck pulling a trailer was traveling eastbound on 23rd St. NW toward the intersection. The Peterbilt disregarded the posted stop sign and struck the passenger side of the Ford Fusion in a T-bone collision. Both vehicles came to rest in the southeast ditch of the intersection.

The Ford Fusion's front seat passenger and rear seat passenger were pronounced deceased on scene. The Ford's driver sustained serious injuries and was airlifted to Bismarck. The driver of the Peterbilt was not injured.

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

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