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Walsh County Injury Crash UPDATE

What: Injury crash

Where: North Dakota Highway 17, at mile marker 140; approximately 12 miles east of Grafton

When: Tuesday, September 2, 2025; at approximately 7:49 AM CDT

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Single-Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rollover

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Walsh County Sheriff's Office, Grafton Fire Department, and Valley Ambulance Service

Vehicle No. 1: 2011 Kenworth Cement Truck

Driver No. 1: Lupe Contreras, 69 years old; St. Thomas, ND; serious injuries

Restraints: Seat belt worn

NARRATIVE: On Tuesday, September 2 at approximately 7:49 AM, a Kenworth Cement Truck driven by Lupe Contreras, was eastbound on ND Highway 17 in Walsh County. The driver failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway, entered the south ditch and rolled. Contreras was transported via ambulance to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks with serious injuries.

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

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