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Emmons County Injury Crash UPDATE

What: Injury

Where: Hwy 34 MM 8, Intersection of Hwy 34 and 15th Ave SE, 6 miles south of Braddock

When: September 6, 2025, at 11:03 a.m. CT

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Good

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs Tractor

Type of Crash: T-bone

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Emmons County Sheriff's Department, Braddock Fire, Hazelton Fire, Napoleon Ambulance, Sanford Air Med

Vehicle No. 1: 2024 Chevrolet Silverado towing camper

Driver No. 1: Gene Fettig, 81, Bismarck, injured

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: Under investigation

Vehicle No. 2: Unknown year John Deere Tractor

Driver No. 2: John Foertsch, 24, Linton, injured

Restraints: N/A

NARRATIVE: On September 6, 2025, at approximately 11:03 a.m., a Chevrolet Silverado driven by Gene Fettig, was traveling southbound on 15th Avenue SE approaching the intersection with Highway 34. A John Deere tractor, driven by John Foertsch, was traveling eastbound on Highway 34 and was slowing to make a left turn to head north on 15th Avenue SE into Braddock.

Fettig disregarded the stop sign, entered the intersection, and struck the tractor on its driver's side. The impact ejected Foertsch, who sustained serious, life-threatening injuries. Foertsch was airlifted to Sanford Medical Center in Bismarck. Fettig suffered minor injuries and was

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transported by ambulance to CHI St. Alexius Health.

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

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