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## **MCKENZIE COUNTY INJURY CRASH UPDATE**

UPDATE: Feb. 21

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2025 Chevrolet Silverado pulling a flatbed trailer

**Driver No. 1:** Jose Cuellar, 33, Williston, non-life-threatening injury

**Passenger No. 1:** Dennis Zamora, 26, Austin, TX, non-life-threatening injury

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2007 Ford F-150

**Driver No. 2:** Edward Jones, 66, Arnegard, fatal injury

- The driver of vehicle 2 died of injuries sustained in the crash.
- Vehicle 1 was pulling a flatbed trailer.
- Vehicle 2 was not pulling a trailer.

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**What:** Injury Crash

**Where:** Highway 85 near mile marker 175.6, 7 miles south of Williston

**When:** Thursday, February 19, 2026, 10:55 a.m. Central Time

**Road Conditions:** Icy

**Weather Conditions:** Dry

**Crash Involvement:** Pickup/Pickup

**Type of Crash:** T-bone

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota State Patrol, McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, Williston Ambulance, Williston Fire Department

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2025 Chevrolet Silverado

**Driver No. 1:** Male, 33, Williston, non-life-threatening injury

**Restraints:** Seatbelt in use

**Charges:** Driving without a license

**Passenger No. 1:** Male, 26, Austin, TX, non-life-threatening injury

**Restraints:** Seatbelt not in use

**Charges:** Driving without liability insurance (vehicle owner)

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**Vehicle No. 2:** 2007 Ford F-150 pulling a flatbed trailer

**Driver No. 2:** Male, 66, Arnegard, serious injury

**Restraints:** Seatbelt in use

**Charges:** Under investigation

**NARRATIVE:** On Thursday, February 19 at approximately 10:55 a.m., a 2025 Chevrolet pulling a flatbed trailer was travelling north on Highway 85 near mile marker 176. The Chevrolet lost control on icy roads and crossed over into the southbound lane of travel in front of a 2007 Ford F-150. The Chevrolet struck the passenger side of the Ford. The driver of the Ford was transported to CHI St. Alexius Health Williston Medical Center and later flown to Trinity Health, Minot. The Chevrolet driver and passenger were transported to CHI St. Alexius Health Williston Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

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

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