



NEWS RELEASE | FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | February 5, 2026

## DUNN COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

UPDATE: February 6:

**Driver 1:** Kent Lukesh, 57, Watford City, fatal injuries

**Driver 2:** Desmond Sapaty, 51, Dickinson, fatal injuries

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**What:** Fatal Crash

**Where:** ND Highway 22 near mile marker 123.5, approximately 17 miles north of Killdeer

**When:** Thursday, February 5, 2026, 5:45 a.m. Mountain Time

**Road Conditions:** Wet

**Weather Conditions:** Dry

**Crash Involvement:** CMV/CMV

**Type of Crash:** Head-on

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Dunn County Sheriff's Office, Dunn County Emergency Manager, Killdeer Ambulance, West Dunn Fire Department

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2020 Volvo Tractor Trailer hauling production water

**Driver No. 1:** Male, 57, Watford City, fatality

**Restraints:** Seatbelt in use

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2019 Kenworth with a hot oil tank, towing a pup trailer containing production water

**Driver No. 2:** Male, 51, Dickinson, fatality

**Restraints:** Under investigation

**NARRATIVE:** On Thursday, February 5, 2026, at approximately 5:45 a.m., a 2020 Volvo Tractor Trailer hauling production water was traveling southbound on ND Highway 22 near mile marker 123.5. A 2019 Kenworth pulling a pup trailer was traveling north near the same location. The Volvo crossed the center line while maneuvering a curve in the road and struck the Kenworth head-on. Both drivers died at the scene.

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A minimal amount of production water was released due to the crash. Highway 22 northbound from mile marker 119 to mile marker 130 was closed until 3:00 p.m. Mountain Time following the crash.

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

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