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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

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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