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BURLEIGH COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

UPDATE: February 9, 2026

Driver No. 1: Doreen Hexom, 80, Williston, fatality

Driver No. 2: Portia Matthiesen, 21, Bismarck, fatality

What: Fatality

Where: Highway 83; mile marker 105; northbound lanes

When: February 8, 2026; 10:26 a.m. CT

Road Conditions: Wet

Weather Conditions: Foggy; visibility approximately 100 yards

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/vehicle

Type of Crash: Head-on

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Burleigh County Sheriff's Office, Wilton Ambulance, Wilton Fire and Rescue

Vehicle No. 1: 2021 GMC Acadia

Driver No. 1: Female, 80, Williston, fatality

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2016 Nissan Maxima

Driver No. 2: Female, 21, Bismarck, fatality

Restraints: No seat belt in use

NARRATIVE: On February 8, 2026, at 10:26 a.m. a 2021 GMC Acadia was traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of Highway 83 near mile marker 105, 6 miles south of

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Wilton. The GMC Acadia struck a northbound 2016 Nissan Maxima head-on. Both drivers were transported to Sanford Medical Center in Bismarck and pronounced deceased due to injuries sustained in the crash.

The northbound lanes of Highway 83 were closed to non-residential traffic from the junction of Highway 1804/71st Ave NE to Wilton from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

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