



NEWS RELEASE | FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | January 13, 2026

## BENSON COUNTY FATAL CRASH

**What:** Two-vehicle fatal crash

**Where:** Westbound US Highway 2, MM 245.5, approximately 6 miles east of Leeds

**When:** Monday, January 12, 10:12 AM Central time

**Road Conditions:** Wet

**Weather Conditions:** Clear, dry

**Crash Involvement:** Pickup/CMV with trailer

**Type of Crash:** Rear-end crash

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Benson County Sheriff's Office, Leeds Fire, Leeds Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2011 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado

**Driver No. 1:** Male, 72, Leeds, fatal injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt not in use

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2007 International 9400i semi-truck pulling a 2015 hopper-bottom trailer loaded with corn

**Driver No. 2:** Male, 34, Fessenden, not injured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt in use

**Charges:** Under investigation

**NARRATIVE:** On Monday, January 12, a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado was traveling west on US Highway 2 near mile marker 245.5. A 2007 international semi pulling a trailer loaded with corn entered westbound US Highway 2 from Hwy 281 (north) and was accelerating after making the turn. The front of the Chevrolet struck the rear of the loaded trailer. The driver of the Chevrolet was severely injured and transported to CHI St. Alexius Health Devils Lake Hospital where he died. The driver of the semi was not injured.

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



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