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## Two Vehicle Fatal Crash – rural Richland County

**\*\*\*Updated with names of both parties involved in crash\*\*\***

**What:** Two vehicle fatal crash

**Where:** Co. Rd. 81, ½ mile south of ND State Hwy. 46

**When:** August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at approximately 4:40 pm

**Road Conditions:** Dry, asphalt roadway

**Weather Conditions:** Cloudy

**Type of Crash:** Two vehicle right angle crash (T-Bone)

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Richland County SO, Cass SO, Kindred FD, Kindred Ambulance, Christine FD

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2002 Kenworth T300 two axle truck towing a Massey Ferguson 2270XD baler

**Driver No. 1:** Ryan Ottis, Kindred, ND – minor injuries

**Restraints:** Seat belt worn

**Charges:** none

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2005 Chevrolet Malibu

**Driver No. 2:** Christopher Bauer, Puposky, MN - deceased

**Restraints:** Seat belt worn

**Charges:** n/a

### NARRATIVE:

On August 9<sup>th</sup> at approximately 4:40 pm, a two-vehicle fatal crash occurred on Co. Rd. 81 about ½ mile south of Hwy. 46. The crash location is approximately 2 ½ miles south of Oxbow.

A 2006 Chevrolet Malibu was southbound when it drove off the roadway into the west ditch. The Chevy then re-entered the southbound roadway where it began a spin. The Chevy spun into the

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northbound roadway and was struck at a right angle (t-bone) by a 2002 Kenworth T300 towing a Massey Ferguson 2270XD baler. The Kenworth struck the Chevy on the passenger side. The collision caused the Chevy to shear in half and both axles from the Kenworth to shear off the truck.

The Kenworth came to rest in the east ditch, upright, facing west. The baler became dislodged from the Kenworth and came to rest in the east ditch, upright, facing north. The Chevy was split in two pieces. The rear of the vehicle came to rest in the southbound roadway. The front of the vehicle came to rest in the east ditch.

Christopher Bauer was pronounced dead on scene. Ryan Ottis was transported by Kindred Ambulance to a hospital in Fargo for non-life threatening injuries.

The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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