

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | December 2, 2019

## 2 Vehicle Injury Crash in Fortuna

**What:** Injury

**Where:** Highway 85 MM 248 and Main Street in Fortuna

**When:** December 2, 2019 at 12:55 P.M.

**Road Conditions:** Wet

**Weather Conditions:** Clear

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle/Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rear End

**Agencies Involved:** ND Highway Patrol, Divide County Sheriff Department, Fortuna Fire Department, Crosby Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2013 Chevrolet Silverado

**Driver No. 1:** Robert Lorentz, 23-year-old male from McGregor, ND, serious non-life-threatening injuries

**Restraints:** no seatbelt in use , airbag deployed

**Charges:** Under Investigation

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2015 Peterbilt Truck pulling tanker trailer

**Driver No. 2:** Gary Hayes, 62-year-old male from Salem, OR, No injury

**Restraints:** Seatbelt in Use

**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** Chevrolet Silverado was traveling eastbound on Highway 85 thru the town of Fortuna. Peterbilt semi tanker was also traveling eastbound on Highway 85 in front of the Silverado and had just stopped at the railroad tracks. The Peterbilt had just started moving

east again when the Silverado struck its trailer in the rear with the front center of the pickup. The driver of the Silverado, Robert Lorentz, stated he had seen the semi but then was distracted by looking at a tree row in the ditch. By the time the driver looked back to the roadway, he noticed the semi again and was unable to stop in time. Lorentz was not wearing his seatbelt and sustained serious injury. He was transported to CHI in Williston by ambulance. Crash is still under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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