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CMV Fatality Crash in Mountrail County

What: Fatality

Where: Highway 1804 MM 264(15 miles north of New Town)

When: 12/30/2019 at 18:00

Road Conditions: Good/Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: ND Highway Patrol, Mountrail County Sheriff Department, New Town Fire, New Town Ambulance, Trinity Life Flight

Vehicle No. 1: 2017 International Truck Tractor pulling semi-trailer

Driver No. 1: 28-year-old male from Williston, Fatality

Restraints: unknown

Charges: NONE

Vehicle No. 2: 2012 Peterbilt Truck Tractor pulling semi-trailer

Driver No. 2: Wesley Soper, 52-year-old male from Surrey, no injuries

Restraints: unknown

Charges: Under Investigation

NARRATIVE: Vehicle 1 was traveling southbound on Highway 1804. Vehicle 2, driven by Wesley Soper, was also traveling southbound on Highway 1804. Soper then pulled into a truck pullout lane and started to make a U-turn in front of Vehicle 1 to go back northbound since he had missed his turn. Soper's semi-truck and trailer were facing east and blocking the southbound lane when it was struck by Vehicle 1 in the rear driver side of the trailer. Vehicle 1 came to rest in the roadway facing south. Vehicle 2 came to rest facing north with its trailer in

the east ditch. Trinity Life Flight landed on scene to transport the driver of Vehicle 1. However, the driver was pronounced deceased on scene by medical personnel before being life flighted. Crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol. Name of deceased will be released the following day after notification of family.

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