Three Vehicle Fatality Crash

What: Fatal Crash

Where: State Ave and Diamond Drive in Dickinson

When: 12/04/2019 @ 4:15 p.m.

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Three Vehicles

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Dickinson Police Department, Stark County Sheriff’s Department, Dickinson Fire Department, Dickinson Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2014 Toyota Tundra Pickup
Driver No. 1: Sergio Ruiz Ledezma, Male, 58, Dickinson ND, Injured
Restraints: Seatbelt, airbag deployed
Charges: Under Investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2011 Chevy Silverado 2500 Pickup
Driver No. 2: Matthew Biel, 46, Dickinson, ND, Not Injured
Restraints: Seatbelt

Vehicle No. 3: 2001 Ford Escape
Driver No. 3: Shawn Flaherty, 64, New England, ND, Fatal Injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt, airbag deployed

NARRATIVE: Sergio Ruiz Ledezma was traveling southbound on State Ave. Matthew Biel and Shawn Flaherty were both traveling northbound on State Ave. Ruiz Ledezma’s vehicle crossed the center line and struck Biel’s vehicle on the rear driver’s side. After striking Biel’s vehicle, Ruiz Ledezma’s vehicle struck head-on with Flaherty’s vehicle. Biel’s vehicle came to rest partially on the northbound roadway and the east sidewalk. Ruiz Ledezma and Flaherty’s
vehicles came to rest within the intersection of State Ave and Diamond Drive. The three drivers were wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash. Sergio Ruiz Ledezma was transported to CHI St. Alexius Dickinson Hospital and later transferred to Bismarck Sanford Hospital by the Dickinson Ambulance for injuries sustained in the crash. Matthew Biel was not injured in the crash. Shawn Flaherty was pronounced deceased at the scene from injuries sustained in the crash.

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

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