

## 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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