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Fatal Crash in McKenzie County

Williston, ND – The North Dakota Highway Patrol responded to a fatal crash on Bear Den Road in McKenzie County, approximately ten miles west of Mandaree, ND. The crash occurred around 7:00 a.m. on January 17. A 53-year-old male, from Watford City, ND, was driving a 2018 GMC Sierra eastbound on Bear Den Road attempting to negotiate a curve. The GMC Sierra slid on the ice crossing into the westbound lane. At the time a 30-year-old male, from Alexander, ND, was driving a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado west on Bear Den Road as the GMC Sierra slid into the westbound lane. The Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra collided head on. The driver of the GMC Sierra was wearing a seatbelt and was transported by ambulance, to the McKenzie County Hospital. The driver of the Chevrolet Silverado was not wearing a seatbelt and was taken by ambulance, to a Dickinson hospital where he died. The crash is still under investigation. Names are being withheld pending notification of family.

Update 01/18/19 with names:

2018 GMC Sierra - Occupants

Driver: Robert James Willey (53 yoa), Watford City, ND, Minor Injuries, seatbelt in use

Passenger: Eduardo Salinas Jr. (18 yoa), Bakersfield, CA, No Injuries, seatbelt not used

2015 Chevrolet Silverado - Occupant

Driver: Bryan Ray Walker (30 yoa), Alexander, ND, Fatal, seatbelt not used

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