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## Injury Crash in McKenzie County

**Williston, ND** – The North Dakota Highway Patrol responded to an injury crash on Bear Den Road in McKenzie County approximately six miles west of Mandaree, ND. The crash occurred around 4:15 p.m. on January 16. Frankie Gale, Watford City, ND, was traveling westbound on Bear Den Road in a 2016 Kenworth semi. Gale attempted to negotiate a curve in the road when his vehicle slid on the ice causing his vehicle to cross into the eastbound lane. Robert Franzen, Dickinson, ND, was traveling east on Bear Den Road in a 2014 International semi when Gale's vehicle crossed into the eastbound lane. Their vehicles collided head on. Gale was transported by ambulance to McKenzie County Hospital and Franzen was transported to Dickinson Hospital. This crash is still under investigation.

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*The Vision Zero Traffic Safety Initiative is a multi-agency partnership working toward the goal of zero motor vehicle fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roads.*

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