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McKenzie County Fatal Crash

What: Fatal Crash

Where: ND 23, MM 13 (9 miles east of Watford City)

When: Wednesday, July 10, 2019; 10:56 pm CST

Road Conditions: Good

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Head-on

Agencies Involved: NDHP; McKenzie County Sheriff's Office; McKenzie County Ambulance Service; McKenzie County Fire Dept.; Keene Fire Dept.

Vehicle No. 1: 2014 Ford Raptor

Driver No. 1: Male, 29, Los Alamos, NM, Fatal

Restraints: No restraints, airbag deployed

Vehicle No. 2: 2014 International Semi

Driver No. 2: John Farris, 48, Hooper, UT; injured

Restraints: Seat belt, airbag deployed

NARRATIVE: The Ford Raptor was traveling east on ND 23 from the Watford City area. The driver was called in for reckless driving. The driver was traveling east bound in the west bound lane at a high rate of speed. The Ford crested a hill at mile marker 13 traveling in the wrong lane. A west bound International Semi was unable to avoid a collision. The vehicles hit head on in the west bound lanes. The Ford overturned and came to rest on its wheels on the south shoulder facing north. The international ran off the north shoulder and jack knifed. Shortly after the crash an east bound semi hauling crude crested the hill and sustained damage from the crash debris on the roadway. Farris was transported to the McKenzie County Hospital.

The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP. The name of the driver will be released after notification of family.

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