

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 15, 2019

## **Tractor Fatality**

What: Fatality

Where: 247 148<sup>th</sup> Ave NE approximate north of 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE, 3.5miles SW of Portland, ND

When: 07/12/2019 @ 17:13 PM

**Road Conditions:** Good

Weather Conditions: Clear, Sunny

**Crash Involvement:** 1 vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rollover

Agencies Involved: Portland Fire and Rescue, West Traill Ambulance, Traill County Sheriff's

Office, NDHP

**Vehicle No. 1:** John Deere 3020 Tractor

**Driver No. 1:** Not released, will update later at 17:13 PM on 07/13/2019

**Restraints:** None **Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** A John Deere 3020 was traveling northbound in the east ditch pulling a sickle mower cutting grass for hay. The driver turned left to travel up the in-slope (toward the roadway) to go around a culvert opening in the bottom of the ditch. The front right tire of the tractor encountered a sink hole and the front right tire dropped into the hole. The tractor rolled onto its top as a result, crushing the driver. The tractor was not equipped with a roll bar or cab. The driver died at the scene because of his injuries.

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