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Ward County – 2 Vehicle, Triple Fatality Crash - **UPDATED**

What: Fatality

Where: Hwy 23 Mile Marker 101, 14 Miles South and 4 Miles West of Minot, ND

When: July 15, 2019 @ Approximately 12:36 PM

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Head-on which resulted in a vehicle fire

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, New Town Ambulance Service, Max Ambulance Service, Max Fire and Rescue, Ward County Sheriff's Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2018 Chevrolet Silverado

Driver No. 1: Marvin Ness, 78, Douglas, ND, Fatal Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2017 Chevrolet Suburban

Driver No. 2: Jonathan Zacher, 28, Parshall, ND, Fatal Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: None

Passenger No. 1: Cara Zacher, 27, Parshall, ND

Restraints: Seatbelt

Injury: Fatal Injuries

Passenger No. 2: Juvenile Female, Parshall, ND

Restraints: Child safety seat

Injury: Minor Injuries

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NARRATIVE: The Silverado was traveling west bound on Hwy 23. The Suburban was traveling east bound on Hwy 23. The Silverado crossed into the east bound lane of Hwy 23 and struck the Suburban head-on. The Silverado left the roadway to the south, coming to a rest upright, facing south, on the south slope of the highway. The Suburban left the roadway to the south, coming to a rest on the passenger side, facing east in the south ditch of the highway. The Suburban then started on fire and was fully engulfed in flames. This crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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