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Two Vehicle Injury Crash – McKenzie Co - UPDATED

What: Injury Crash

Where: Hwy 1806 MM 309 – 2 miles North of Watford City, ND

When: June 7, 2019 – 0940 AM

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear-End

Agencies Involved: NDHP, McKenzie Co Sheriff's Department, Watford City Police

Department, McKenzie County Fire and Rescue Service, McKenzie County Ambulance Service,
Valley Med Flight

Vehicle No. 1: 1998 Kenworth Semi
Driver No. 1: Gritzan, Michael, 57 - Sidney, MT – No Injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt
Charges: Pending completion of the investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe
Driver No. 2: Skala, Natasha, 24 – Watford City, ND – Serious Injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt
Charges: No Charges

NARRATIVE: Vehicle 1 was traveling north bound on Hwy 1806. Vehicle 2 was stopped facing north on Hwy 1806, waiting to make a left turn into a residential driveway. Vehicle 2 was struck from behind by vehicle 1. Vehicle 1 continued to the north and came to a rest upright, facing northeast on the east shoulder of 1806. Vehicle 2 spun clockwise on the roadway and came to a rest between the north and south bound lanes of Hwy 1806 facing



northwest. Vehicle 2 then started on fire and was completely engulfed in flames. The driver of vehicle 2 was extricated while the vehicle was on fire.

This crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol. Charges are pending upon the completion of the investigation.

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