

**Update - ND Highway 19 Fatal Crash - Benson County, ND**

**What:** Fatal Crash

**Where:** ND Highway 19 @ Mile Marker 105.75 - 2 ½ miles west of Esmond, ND

**When:** September 7, 2019 @ 3:58 PM

**Road Conditions:** Wet

**Weather Conditions:** Cloudy, Daylight, Light Rain

**Crash Involvement:** 2-Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Angle

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Benson County Sheriff Department, Pierce County Sheriff Department, Esmond Fire Department, Harvey Fire Department, Harvey Ambulance Service

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2000 Peterbilt Semi  
**Driver No. 1:** Gregory Kalenze; 33; Mandan, ND; Uninjured  
**Restraints:** Seatbelt  
**Charges:** No Charges Filed

**Vehicle No. 2:** 1989 Chevrolet S10  
**Driver No. 2:** Emil Vetsch; 68; Balta, ND; Fatal  
**Restraints:** Unknown  
**Charges:** No Charges Filed

**NARRATIVE:** Kalenze was driving the 2000 Peterbilt westbound on ND Highway 19. Vetsch was driving the 1989 Chevrolet southbound on 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast. Vetsch failed to yield at the intersection with ND Highway 19, and the 2000 Peterbilt struck the driver side door area of the 1989 Chevrolet. The 2000 Peterbilt and the 1989 Chevrolet came to final rest in the south ditch facing west. The 1989 Chevrolet caught on fire after the collision. Vetsch died on scene. A stop sign is posted at the intersection for southbound traffic on 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue



Northeast to stop and yield the right of way to eastbound and westbound traffic in the intersection.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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