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## Fatal Crash in McKenzie County - UPDATE

**What:** Fatal Crash

**Where:** Hwy 23, 14 miles east of Watford City

**When:** March 4, 2019 at 4:39 p.m.

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2012 GMC Yukon Denali

**Driver No. 1:** Clinton Tsosie, Male, 18 yoa, Mandaree, ND, Injured

**Seatbelt:** Unknown

**Passenger No. 1:** Elizondo Joe, Male, 15 yoa, Mandaree, ND, Fatal

**Seatbelt:** Unknown

**Passenger No. 2:** Albertina Joe, Female, 14 yoa, Mandaree ND, Injured

**Seatbelt:** Unknown

**Passenger No. 3:** Neveah Joe, Female, 11 yoa, Mandaree, ND, Injured

**Seatbelt:** Unknown

**Passenger No. 4:** Johnathan Joe, Male, 7 yoa, Mandaree, ND, Injured

**Seatbelt:** Unknown

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2001 Peterbilt Truck

**Driver No. 2:** Donn Way, Male, 41 yoa, Eagle, ID, Uninjured

**Seatbelt:** Used

**Agencies Involved:** McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, McKenzie County Ambulance Service, McKenzie County Fire Department

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The 2012 GMC Yukon was traveling eastbound on Hwy 23. The 2001 Peterbilt was also traveling eastbound and had slowed down to make a turn when the 2012 Yukon struck the rear end of the Peterbilt. The 2012 GMC Yukon came to rest near the middle of the roadway and the 2001 Peterbilt came to rest on the shoulder of the roadway. The driver of the 2001 Peterbilt was uninjured and all occupants in the 2012 Yukon were injured, the 15-year-old male died because of his injuries.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol. Names of the individuals involved in the crash will be released pending family notification.

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**Update – March 5, 2019**

The 2012 GMC Yukon was traveling eastbound on Hwy 23. The 2001 Peterbilt was also traveling eastbound and had slowed down to make a turn when the 2012 Yukon struck the rear end of the Peterbilt. The 2012 GMC Yukon came to rest near the middle of the roadway and the 2001 Peterbilt came to rest on the shoulder of the roadway. The driver of the 2001 Peterbilt was uninjured and all occupants in the 2012 Yukon were injured, Elizondo Joe, age 15, died because of his injuries.

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