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## **INJURY CRASH – 12<sup>TH</sup> ST NW – VALLEY CITY**

**What:** Two vehicle injury crash

**Where:** 900 block of 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW in Valley City, ND

**When:** 05/12/2019 at approximately 2:00 am

**Road Conditions:** Dry

**Weather Conditions:** Cloudy – dark & lighted

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle vs. Fixed Object & Parked Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Vehicle left the roadway and struck power equipment and a parked vehicle

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Valley City PD, Valley City FD, Barnes County SO, Barnes County

Ambulance, Sanford Life Flight, Valley City Public Works

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2018 GMC Sierra

**Driver No. 1:** Justin Drake, 44 YOA, Litchville, ND - injured

**Restraints:** Unknown

**Charges:** No charges filed at this time.

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2013 Ford F150

**Driver No. 2:** Unoccupied – parked motor vehicle

**Restraints:** n/a

**Charges:** n/a

## **NARRATIVE:**

The GMC was traveling on 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW in the 900 block in Valley City, when the driver lost control. The GMC left the roadway and struck two power poles. Both power poles were sheared off. The GMC then struck a parked Ford F150. After striking the Ford, the GMC came to rest on top of an electric power box.

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Law enforcement and fire department personnel responded to the crash and had to be assisted by Valley City Public Works to make the area safe. Mr. Drake had to be extricated from his vehicle. Before that could happen, power had to be stopped to the downed wires and electric power box.

Mr. Drake suffered serious injuries. He was transported by Barnes County Ambulance to an awaiting Sanford Life Flight helicopter at the Valley City Airport. Power had been knocked out at the airport and the Valley City PD assisted Life Flight by establishing a landing zone.

The crash remains under investigation.

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