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Dickey County Fatality **UPDATE**

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Dickey County, south of ND Highway 1; 2.5 miles south of Oakes

When: May 13, 2019, 11:45 pm

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Type of Crash: Single vehicle rollover

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Dickey County Sheriff's Office, Oakes Police Dept., Oakes Fire and Rescue

Vehicle No. 1: 2001 GMC Yukon

Driver No. 1: **Walter Tatum Jr.**, 63; Crystal City, TX; fatal

Restraints: None

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: Tatum was traveling north on 111th Ave SE, approximately one-half mile south of ND Highway 11. He failed to maintain control of the vehicle on the gravel road. The vehicle left the east side of the roadway and over-corrected, steering left. The Yukon then rolled from the roadway into the west ditch. Tatum was transported to CHI Oakes Hospital for medical treatment, where he died.

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

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