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McKenzie County - Two-Vehicle Fatal Crash - UPDATED

What: Fatal Car Crash

Where: Highway 23 MM 29 – 3 Miles North and 1 Mile East of Keene, ND

When: October 15, 2019 @ 02:49 PM

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear-End

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, McKenzie County Sheriff's Department, Keene Fire and Rescue, McKenzie County Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2013 Kenworth T800 Semi
Driver No. 1: John E Augsten – 58 yr old male – Griffin, GA – No Injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt Used
Charges: Pending further investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 1928 International Harvester Truck
Driver No. 2: Vern H. Sherven – 88 yr old male – New Town, ND – Fatal Injuries
Restraints: No restraints used
Charges: None

NARRATIVE: Both the International Harvester and the Kenworth were travelling east bound on Hwy 23. The international Harvester was struck from behind by the Kenworth. The International Harvester spun into the west bound lane/north shoulder and came to a rest facing southeast. The Kenworth continued east while coming to a stop on the south shoulder. The driver of the International Harvester was transported to the McKenzie County Hospital in Watford City, ND where he died.



This crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol. The name of the deceased will be released at a later date, pending family notification.

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