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One Injured in Grand Forks County Crash near Thompson

What: Injury crash

Where: 11th Street NE at 7th Avenue NE, approximately 2 miles east of Thompson, ND

When: 10/30/2019 at 2:45 PM

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

Crash Involvement: 3 vehicles

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: NDHP, GFSO, Thompson Fire & Rescue, Thompson Fire, Altru Ambulance, Interstate Towing

Vehicle No. 1: 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 3500
Driver No. 1: Jason Nelson; male; 42 years of age; of Grand Forks, ND; uninjured
Restraints: Seat belt not in use, air bags deployed
Charges: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2012 Ford Focus
Driver No. 2: Innocent Tambwe; male; 31 years of age; of East Grand Forks, MN; uninjured
Restraints: Seat belt in use, air bag deployed
Charges: Failure to yield at stop intersection

Passenger No. 1: Jeanine Mutesi; female; 26 years of age; of East Grand Forks, MN; non-life-threatening injuries
Restraints: Seat belt worn, air bag deployed
Vehicle No. 3: 2003 Ford F350  
Driver No. 3: Heron Serratos, Jr.; male; 37 yoa; of Canton, SD; uninjured  
Restraints: Seat belt in use  
Charges: None

NARRATIVE: Nelson was driving the Silverado south on 11th Street NE (Grand Forks County Road 81). Tambwe was driving the Focus west on 7th Avenue NE, crossing 11th Street NE. Serratos was on 7th Avenue NE, stopped at the intersection with 11th Street NE. Tambwe failed to yield to traffic on 11th Street NE and crossed too close in front of the Silverado. Nelson took evasive action but was unable to avoid a collision. His Silverado struck the right-hand side of the Focus as well as the front left-hand corner of the F350 before coming to rest in the ditch southwest of the intersection. The Silverado sustained significant front-end damage. The Focus was severely damaged. The F350 sustained moderate damage to the front. Nelson, Tambwe, and Serratos were all uninjured. Mutesi was a passenger in the Focus and was transported by ambulance to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND, with non-life-threatening injuries.

The crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol.

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