

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE October 9, 2020

McHenry County Injury Crash - Updated

What: Injury Crash

Where: 4600 Block 20h Ave N, 7 miles northwest of Velva

When: October <mark>9</mark>, 2020 5:59 PM

Road Conditions: Normal

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Vehicle

Type of Crash: Bridge Collapse

Agencies Involved: NDHP, McHenry County Sheriff's Office, Ward County Sheriff's

Department, Velva Fire Department, Velva Ambulance Service

Vehicle No. 1:John Deere 9560 tractor pulling a ProTill PT40 plow,Driver No. 1:Kris Lee Walcker, male, 41, Minot, ND, injuredRestraints:Unknown

NARRATIVE: The John Deere Tractor was traveling northbound on 20th Ave N in the 4600 block and came upon a bridge over the Mouse River. The bridge was restricted to 9-ton axles and 21 tons gross vehicle weight. While attempting to cross the bridge the decking gave out and collapsed. The driver was transported to Minot Trinity Hospital for treatment of possible injuries. The bridge will be out of service for the near future and closed on 20th Ave N.

This crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.







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