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Williams County Two-Vehicle Injury Crash

What: Two-vehicle Injury Crash

Where: US Highway 2 mile marker 9, approximately 7 miles west of Williston

When: 09:23 AM central time

Road Conditions: Clear, Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Passenger Car (2014 Buick) / Tractor Trailer (2014 Peterbilt)

Type of Crash: Rear-end

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Williams County Sheriff's Office, Williston

Rural Fire Department, Williston Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1:2014 Buick EnclaveDriver No. 1:Michelle Acosta, female, 29, Williston, ND, Possible serious injuries, stablecondition

Restraints: None in use **Charges:** Under investigation

Passenger No. 1: Juvenile male, minor injuries **Restraints:** Lap and Shoulder Belt

Passenger No. 2: Juvenile male, minor injuries **Restraints:** Lap and Shoulder Belt

Vehicle No. 2:2014 Peterbilt Tractor-Trailer with 2006 Fontenelle flatbed trailerDriver No. 2:Travis Hickel, male, 58, Williston, ND, no injuriesRestraints:Lap and Shoulder BeltCharges:None



NARRATIVE: The 2014 Peterbilt (pulling a 2006 Fontenelle flatbed trailer) was traveling westbound on Highway 2 near mile marker 9. The 2014 Buick was traveling westbound, following behind the Peterbilt. The Peterbilt slowed and began to take a right-hand turn into private drive. Acosta was distracted operating the CD player/radio and collided with the rear end of the trailer. Acosta and two juvenile male passengers were injured in the collision, were given first aid by multiple Good Samaritans, and then transported by ambulance to CHI Hospital-Williston. Hickel, the driver of the tractor-trailer, was not injured. Acosta will be cited for Distracted Driving. The North Dakota Highway Patrol was assisted by the Williams County Sheriff's Office, the Williston Rural Fire Department, and the Williston Fire Department.

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