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UPDATED Mountrail County Fatality Crash

What: Fatality Crash

Where: Highway 23 near mile marker 76.5 – approximately 26 miles east of Newtown, ND

When: April 18, 2022, at approximately 0757 CST

Road Conditions: Compacted snow and ice

Weather Conditions: Dense Fog – Little to no visibility

Crash Involvement: Pick up vs. Semi

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: MHA Nation, North Dakota Highway Patrol, Plaza Fire and EMS, Parshall EMS, Mountrail County Sheriff's Office

Vehicle No. 1: 2014 Kenworth

Driver No. 1: Wesley Soper, 54 years old, male - Surrey, ND

Restraints: Seatbelt worn

Injury: Uninjured

Vehicle No. 2: 2013 Ford F150

Driver No. 2: Nita Kok, 79 years old, female – Plaza, ND

Restraints: Seatbelt worn

Injury: Fatal injuries

NARRATIVE:

A Kenworth hauling a tanker loaded with dyed diesel fuel was traveling westbound on Highway 23. The Ford turned east onto Highway 23 from a driveway. The driver of the Kenworth attempted to avoid the Ford. The Kenworth struck the Ford. Both the Ford and Kenworth came to rest in the south ditch. The driver of the Ford was pronounced deceased on scene.

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

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