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## Morton County Fatal Crash – 08/08/2022

What:	Fatality
Where:	Hwy 1806 MP 44
When:	08/08/2022; 12:32 AM CDT
Road Conditions:	Normal
Weather Condition	ns: Dark; No precipitation.
Crash Involvement	t: Vehicle/Vehicle
Type of Crash:	Head on crash
Agencies Involved	: Morton County Sheriff's Department, Metro-Area Ambulance,
	North Dakota Highway Patrol
Vehicle No. 1: Driver No. 1: Restraints: Charges:	2018 Chevrolet Colorado Ryan Schmidt; male; 38; Bismarck, ND – possible injury lap and shoulder belt; air bag Under investigation
Vehicle No. 2: Driver No. 2: Restraints: Charges:	2000 Pontiac G6 Jonah White Eagle; male, 19; Cannonball, ND - Fatality Lap and shoulder belt; air bag None
Passenger No. 1: Restraints:	Kenzlee Dwarf; female, 20; Bismarck, ND - Injured Lap and shoulder belt; air bag

**NARRATIVE:** Vehicle 1, driven by Schmidt, was traveling northbound on Highway 1806 near milepost 44. Vehicle 2, driven by White Eagle, was traveling southbound on Highway 1806 at the same location. Schmidt, crossed over into the wrong lane towards oncoming traffic. White Eagle could not avoid a collision with Schmidt. Schmidt struck White Eagle in a head-on collision in the southbound lane. White Eagle sustained life threatening injuries in the crash and was transported via ambulance to the ER in Bismarck and later transported to Fargo, ND.

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On 8/23/2022 White Eagle died from injuries sustained in the 08/08/2022 crash. This crash is still under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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