

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 28, 2022

Updated McKenzie County Fatality

What: Fatality

Where: Highway 85 near mile marker 177 approximately 6 miles south of Williston, ND

When: December 26th, 2022, at approximately 0629 PM CST

Road Conditions: Icy

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs Vehicle

Type of Crash: Head on

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

County Sheriff's Office, Williston Rural Fire Department, Williston Ambulance, North Dakota

Department of Transportation

Vehicle No. 1: 2008 Ford F-150

Driver No. 1: Betty Lee, 61 year old female, Sidney, MT – Fatality

Restraints: Seatbelt not in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2021 Ram 5500

Driver No. 2: Michael Deck, 31 year old male, McPherson, KS - Uninjured

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

NARRATIVE:

The Ford F-150 was traveling northbound on Highway 85. The Ford lost control as it negotiated the curve. The Ford entered the southbound lanes and struck the Ram 5500 that was traveling southbound. The driver of the Ford was ejected and pronounced deceased on scene. The driver of the Ram was uninjured.

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

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