

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | January 11, 2022

## **2 vehicle injury crash east of Watford City**

**What:** Injury

**Where:** Hwy 23 MM 6 (3 miles east of Watford City)

**When:** 01-11-2022 at approximately 0618 hours central time

**Road Conditions:** Frost

**Weather Conditions:** Cloudy

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Angle

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, McKenzie County Sheriff's Department, Watford Fire/ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2016 Chevy Silverado

**Driver No. 1:** Troy Odonnell -40 of Grand Forks, ND (Not injured)

**Restraints:** Seatbelt, airbag deployment

**Charges:** Charges under investigation

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2018 Chevy Tahoe McKenzie Count Sheriff's Vehicle.

**Driver No. 2:** Ray Beebe- 36 McKenzie County Deputy (Minor injury)

**Restraints:** seat belt, airbag deployment

**Charges:** charges under investigation

**NARRATIVE:** Deputy Beebe was working for the McKenzie County Sheriff's Department operating a McKenzie County patrol Chevy Tahoe traveling eastbound on Hwy 23 near MM 6. Odonnell was traveling eastbound on Hwy 23 operating a 2016 Chevy Tahoe in the left passing lane. Beebe failed to observe Odonnell and another unknown vehicle in the left lane, slowed, and then attempted to make a U-turn onto Hwy 23. The unknown vehicle took evasive action turning back into the right lane. Odonnell took evasive action by driving into the westbound lane of Hwy 23 to avoid the Tahoe. Beebe turned onto the westbound lane from the left eastbound lane as Odonnell made this evasive action. The front of the Silverado

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collided into the center driver's side of the Tahoe. The Silverado came to rest facing NE in the east lane of Hwy 23. The Tahoe came to rest in the south ditch of Hwy 23. Front airbags deployed in both vehicles

Beebe was transported by ambulance to the McKenzie County Hospital in Watford City. Beebe sustained none-life threatening injuries. Odonnell was not injured. Both lanes of traffic on Hwy 23 were shut down for approximately 2 hours to allow damaged vehicles to be removed. This crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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