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## Injury Fatal Crash on Highway 2 near Niagara, ND

What: Injury Fatality

Where: eastbound US Highway 2, approximately 3.5 miles east of Niagara, ND

When: 01/12/2022, approximately 9:00 AM CST

Road Conditions: Frost/Ice-covered

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

**Crash Involvement:** 1-Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rollover

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office, Larimore Ambulance, ND

Department of Transportation

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2004 Ford Expedition

**Driver No. 1:** John Gustafson; male; age 74; of Rugby, ND; deceased

**Restraints:** Seat belt in use

**Charges:** None

**Passenger No. 1:** Laverne Gustafson; female; age 89; of Rugby, ND; minor injuries

**Restraints:** Seat belt in use

**NARRATIVE:** John Gustafson was driving the Ford east on Highway 2. He lost control on frosty/icy road surfaces. The vehicle slid off the roadway into the south ditch where it overturned.

Both occupants were transported by ambulance to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks. John Gustafson later died.

The crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol.

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