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Dickey County Injury Crash

What: Injury

Where: Highway 281 mm 13.5 (8 miles north of Ellendale)

When: 07/01/2022 at 3:33 P.M.

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Sunshine

Crash Involvement: 1 vehicle (School Bus)

Type of Crash: Ran off roadway

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Dickey County Sheriff's Department, Ellendale ambulance, and Careflight.

Vehicle No. 1: 2022 International Navistar School Bus

Driver No. 1: 35-year-old female, Olds, Alberta, Injured

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: Under Investigation

NARRATIVE: A pickup and two school buses were traveling northbound on Highway 281 north of Ellendale. The lead pickup was slowing down to negotiate a left hand turn to travel west bound on 89th St SE. The second school bus hit the brakes and swerved right into the east ditch to avoid striking the lead school bus. The second bus traveled north in the east ditch striking an embankment at the intersection of 89th St SE. The second bus traveled over the embankment striking a highway sign and entered the east ditch again. The second bus sustained front end damage from entering the east ditch a second time. The driver of the second school bus was transported by ambulance to Ellendale airport. Care Flight transported the driver to Avera Hospital in Aberdeen, SD to be treated for her injuries sustained in the crash. Neither school bus had passengers. The crash is under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.



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