

## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 4, 2022

## **Morton County Serious Injury Crash**

What: Injury Crash

Where: Interstate 94-mile marker 137 (~15 miles west of Mandan, ND)

When: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 4:19 pm (Central Time)

**Road Conditions:** Icy

Weather Conditions: Freezing Rain/Drizzle

Crash Involvement: Two-Vehicle Crash

Type of Crash: Head-on angled

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Morton County Sheriff's Department, New Salem Ambulance, New

Salem Fire Department, Metro Ambulance Service

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2020 Freightliner

**Driver No. 1:** Male – 37 years old – Richfield, MN – Non-life-threatening injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Charges:** Under Investigation

Passenger No. 1: Male – 27 years old – Minnetonka, MN – Not Injured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2009 GMC Sierra

**Driver No. 2:** Male – 46 years old – Missoula, MT – Serious Injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Charges:** Under Investigation

**Passenger No. 1:** Female – 49 years old – Missoula, MT – Serious Injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt



**NARRATIVE:** The 2020 Freightliner was traveling eastbound along Interstate 94 near mile marker 137. The 2020 Freightliner was pulling double box-trailers. The 2009 GMC Sierra was traveling westbound along Interstate 94 near mile marker 137. The 2009 GMC was pulling a 5<sup>th</sup>-wheel trailer loaded with a pickup. Road conditions in the area were icy with freezing rain/drizzle. The driver of the Freightliner lost control, crossed the median and entered the westbound roadway. The Freightliner and GMC collided. The vehicles entered the north ditch of Interstate 94 where they came to rest.

The driver and passenger of the GMC were transported by Ambulance to Sanford Hospital in Bismarck, ND. The driver of the Freightliner was transported by Ambulance to CHI – St Alexius' Hospital in Bismarck, ND. The passenger of the Freightliner was not injured.

Two separate Commercial Motor Vehicles, not directly involved in this crash, left the roadway in the area and sustained minor damage. Traffic along westbound Interstate 94 in the area was reduced to one-lane for several hours as crews worked to clear the scene.

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

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