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UPDATED Two Person Fatal Crash Near Velva, ND

What: Two-person fatality crash

Where: Highway 52 near mile marker 115, Approx. 1 mile north of Velva, ND

When: January 22nd, 2023, at approximately 4:25 pm CST

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs. Vehicle

Type of Crash: Head on

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, McHenry County Sheriff's Office, Velva Fire Department, Sawyer Fire Department, and Velva Ambulance.

Vehicle No. 1: 2006 Mazda Tribute

Driver No. 1: Robb Labonte, 32-year-old male, Minot, ND, Fatal Injuries.

Restraints: No seatbelt in use

Vehicle No. 2: 1997 Buick Le Sabre

Driver No. 2: Christopher Brewer, 41-year-old male, Velva, ND, Fatal Injuries.

Restraints: No seatbelt in use

NARRATIVE: The Mazda was traveling southeast bound on Highway 52 and crossed into the opposite lane. The Buick Le Sabre was traveling northwest bound and was struck by the Mazda head on. Both drivers sustained fatal injuries and were taken by ambulance to Trinity Hospital in Minot, ND. Crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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