

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | June 8, 2023

**UPDATE: McKenzie County Fatal Crash -County Road 10 & 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW**

**What:** Fatal Crash

**Where:** McKenzie County Road 10 near 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW approximately 14 Miles NW of Watford City

**When:** 06/07/2023 at approximately 0640AM CST

**Road Conditions:** Good, Dry

**Weather Conditions:** Good

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle/Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Head On

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, Arnegard Fire Department, Arnegard QRU, McKenzie County Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2019 Chevrolet Silverado  
**Driver No. 1:** Colton Wood, Injured, Williston, ND  
**Restraints:** Seatbelt in Use, Airbags Deployed  
**Charges:** None

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2016 Kia Optima  
**Driver No. 2:** Clay Youngbird, Fatal Injuries, Sidney, MT  
**Restraints:** No Seatbelt in Use, Airbags Deployed  
**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** At approximately 0640am on McKenzie County Road 10 near 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW, the Kia Optima traveling westbound entered the eastbound lane. The eastbound Chevrolet Silverado swerved left to avoid the westbound Kia Optima. At the same time, the Kia Optima swerved right to get back in the westbound lane. The Chevrolet Silverado struck the Kia Optima head on. The Kia Optima entered the north ditch and rolled. The driver of the

Chevrolet Silverado was wearing his seatbelt and sustained minor injuries. He was transported to a local medical facility. The driver of the Kia Optima was not wearing his seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle. He was pronounced deceased on scene.

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

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