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**UPDATED: Injury Crash – Pickup v. Train – Grand Forks County**

**What:** Injury

**Where:** 5500 Block of 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, approximately 1 Mi SW of Grand Forks

**When:** 7:20 AM on 05/11/2023

**Road Conditions:** Good, gravel

**Weather Conditions:** Clear/daylight

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle v. Train

**Type of Crash:** Right Angle

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Grand Forks Sheriff's Office, and Altru Ambulance Service

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2012 Chevrolet Silverado

**Driver No. 1:** David Contreras; male; 60 years old; Grand Forks, ND; minor injuries

**Restraints:** Unrestrained

**Charges:** Failed to stop for railroad crossing

**Passenger No. 1:** Richard Lorenzen; male, 52 years old; East Grand Forks, MN; uninjured

**Restraints:** Unrestrained

**NARRATIVE:** The Chevrolet, driven by Contreras, was eastbound on 47<sup>th</sup> Ave S, at the railroad crossing on the 5500 Block, approximately 1 mile west of Interstate 29. An Amtrak train was northbound on the tracks. The Chevrolet struck the front side of the lead engine. The vehicle came to rest on the west side of the crossing. The driver sustained injuries in the crash and was transported from the scene by ambulance. The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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