

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | May 28, 2023

## **Update - Fatal Crash - Towner County, North Dakota**

**What:** Fatal Crash

**Where:** ND Highway 66 ~ 4 Miles East of Egeland, North Dakota

**When:** May 27, 2023 @ 5:47 A.M.

**Road Conditions:** Dry, Good, Asphalt Roadway Surface

**Weather Conditions:** Clear, Dawn

**Crash Involvement:** Single Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Overturn

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Towner County Sheriff Department, Egeland Volunteer Fire Department, Towner County Ambulance Service

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2016 Chevrolet Malibu

**Driver No. 1:** **Jayce Thomas**; 20; Cando, North Dakota; Injured

**Restraints:** None - Airbag Deployment

**Charges:** Pending

**Passenger No. 1:** **Brittney Beck**; 31; Cando, North Dakota; Deceased

**Restraints:** None - Airbag Deployment

**NARRATIVE:** **Jayce Thomas** was traveling eastbound on ND Highway 66 in rural Towner County. **Thomas** crossed the centerline and traveled through the westbound lane of traffic, entered the north ditch, struck, and vaulted over a field approach, and overturned multiple times. His motor vehicle caught fire after coming to final rest facing south in the north ditch. **Brittney Beck** was fully ejected and pronounced deceased on-scene.

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

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