

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | September 20, 2023

UPDATE: Benson County US Highway 2 Fatal Crash

What: Fatality

Where: US Highway 2, near mile marker 221, approximately 9 miles east of Rugby

When: Discovered 09/19/2023, at 1:33 PM CDT

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Single vehicle

Type of Crash: Non-collision

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Benson County Sheriff's Office, Pierce County Sheriff's Office, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Lake Region UAS Team, and Benson County Coroner's Office

Vehicle No. 1: 2010 Mercury Milan

Driver No. 1: Cynthia Meyer; Female; 73 years old; Devils Lake, ND; Fatal injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt worn

NARRATIVE: On Monday, September 18, 2023, the Mercury, driven by Meyer, was westbound on US Highway 2. At an unknown time, near mile marker 221, the Mercury ran off the roadway right, entered the north ditch, struck an approach, vaulted, rolled onto its roof, and came to rest in a grove of trees. On Tuesday, September 19, 2023, law enforcement received a report of an overdue motorist. At 1333 hours, the Mercury was discovered by law enforcement. The driver was pronounced deceased on scene.

For more information, contact:

Sergeant Christopher A. Schaefer (701)328-2447

cschaefe@nd.gov