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Pierce County Fatal Crash UPDATE

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Intersection of Highway 3 and Highway 19 (approximately 17 miles north of Harvey)

When: January 8, 2024 @ 11:52 AM CST

Road Conditions: Wet

Weather Conditions: Sunny

Crash Involvement: CMV and SUV

Type of Crash: Right Angle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Pierce County Sheriff's Office, Harvey Fire and Rescue, Harvey Ambulance Service, Esmond Rural Fire Department and Harvey Police Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2010 Kenworth Semi with trailer (CMV)

Driver No. 1: **Randy Kachan:** 71-year-old male of Strathclair, Manitoba, no injury

Restraints: seatbelt in use

Charges: under investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2021 Nissan Rogue

Driver No. 2: **Susann Traiser:** 78-year-old female of Hazen ND; fatal injury

Restraints: seatbelt in use

Charges: none

Passenger No. 1: **Marion Uhlich:** 81-year-old female of Drake ND; severe injuries

Restraints: seatbelt in use

NARRATIVE: The driver of the CMV was southbound on Highway 3, coming from Manitoba and heading to Fessenden. The driver of the SUV was heading eastbound on Highway 19. The driver of the SUV failed to yield for the southbound CMV. The SUV was struck in a right-angle manner. The driver sustained fatal injuries and the female passenger sustained severe injuries. The passenger was transported to Trinity in Minot. The names will be released at a later time.

The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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