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NELSON COUNTY INJURY CRASH UPDATE

April 26 update:

Driver No. 1: Meagan Wirkus, 44, Linton, serious injuries

Passenger No. 1: Joshua Steen, 48, Linton, minor injuries

What: Injury Crash

Where: Highway 1 at mile marker 140 near Pekin

When: April 25, 2026, 4:31 p.m.

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Partly cloudy / windy

Crash Involvement: Single vehicle

Type of Crash: Rollover

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Nelson County Sheriff's Office, McVille Fire Department, Pekin Fire Department, Lakota Ambulance Service

Vehicle No. 1: 2000 Chevrolet Suburban
Driver No. 1: Female, 44, Linton, serious injuries
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: Under investigation

Passenger No. 1: Male, 48, Linton, minor injuries
Restraints: Seat belt in use

NARRATIVE: On April 25, 2026, at 4:31 p.m., a Chevrolet Suburban was traveling northbound on Highway 1 at mile marker 140.5. The Chevrolet left the roadway and overturned. The driver was transported by ambulance to Grand Forks for suspected serious injuries. The passenger was also transported by ambulance for suspected minor injuries.

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

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