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PEMBINA COUNTY INJURY CRASH UPDATE

Update July 19:

Driver No. 1: Neil Wells, 37, St. Thomas, injured

Passenger No. 1: Aidan Wells, 28, St. Thomas, injured

Driver No. 2: Lauryn Norman, 27, West Monroe, LA, not injured

What: Injury Crash

Where: Highway 66 at mile marker 120, west of St. Thomas

When: July 18, 2026, at 12:50 p.m. Central Time

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Motorcycle vs Vehicle

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Pembina County Sheriff's Office, Cavalier County Ambulance, St. Thomas Quick Response Unit/Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2008 Harley-Davidson

Driver No. 1: Male, 36, St. Thomas, injured

Restraints: No helmet in use

Charges: Under investigation

Passenger No. 1: Female, 27, St. Thomas, injured

Restraints: No helmet in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2026 Chevrolet Silverado

Driver No. 2: Female, 27, West Monroe, LA, not injured

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Charges: None

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NARRATIVE: On July 18, 2026, at approximately 12:50 p.m., a group of motorcyclists was traveling westbound on Highway 66 near mile marker 120 and a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado was traveling eastbound at the same location. A 2008 Harley-Davidson near the rear of the group braked sharply for another motorcycle that was slowing. The driver swerved, lost control, crossed the centerline, and struck the rear driver's-side tire and box area of the Chevrolet. The driver and passenger were thrown from the motorcycle, not wearing helmets, and sustained serious injuries. Both motorcycle occupants were transported to the hospital in Grafton, and the driver was later transferred to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks for further treatment. The driver of the Chevrolet was not injured.

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

Contact information: Lt. Jenna Clawson Huibregtse, ndhpsafetyedu@nd.gov, 701-328-2447

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