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MOUNTRAIL COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

June 2 Update:

Driver No. 1: Mark Eliason, 22, New Town, fatal injuries
Driver No. 2: Monah Lee, 59, Minot, minor injuries

What: Fatal crash

Where: Highway 2, mile marker 105/67th Avenue Northwest, approximately 5 miles east of Palermo

When: Monday, June 1, 12:07 a.m.

Road Conditions: Wet roadway

Weather Conditions: Rain

Crash Involvement: Two-vehicle angle crash

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Mountrail County Sheriff's Office, Stanley Fire Department, Stanley Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2008 GMC Sierra

Driver No. 1: Male, 22, New Town, fatal injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt not in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2020 Ford Expedition

Driver No. 2: Female, 59, Minot, minor injuries
Restraints: Seatbelt in use

NARRATIVE: On Monday, June 1, at approximately 12:07 a.m., a 2008 GMC Sierra was travelling south on 67th Avenue Northwest; a 2020 Ford Expedition was travelling east on U.S. Highway 2. The Sierra failed to yield to the Ford and the front of the Sierra struck the rear driver's side of the Ford Expedition. The driver of the GMC Sierra was pronounced deceased on scene. The driver of the Ford Expedition sustained minor Injuries.

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

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