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WARD COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

June 22 Update:

Driver No. 1: Larry Jones, 84, Burlington, Fatal injuries

Driver No. 2: Candice Wenger, 68, Tioga, Serious injuries

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Highway 2 at mile marker 136; 1 mile west of Burlington

When: June 21, 2026, 2:29 p.m. Central Time

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs vehicle

Type of Crash: Head-on

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Ward County Sheriff's Office, Burlington Fire and Response, Trinity First Response-Ground, Trinity First Response-Air

Vehicle No. 1: 2020 Subaru Forester

Driver No. 1: Male, 84, Burlington, Fatal injuries

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2026 Dodge Ram 1500

Driver No. 2: Female, 68, Tioga, Serious injuries

Restraints: Seat belt in use

NARRATIVE: On Sunday, June 21, 2026, at 2:29 p.m. a 2020 Subaru Forester was traveling eastbound on Highway 2 near mile marker 136 west of Burlington when it crossed the median and entered the westbound lanes continuing eastbound and struck a 2026 Dodge Ram 1500 head-on. The driver of the Subaru died at the scene. The driver of the Dodge suffered serious injuries and was life-flighted to Minot.

The westbound lanes of Highway 2 were closed for approximately two hours.

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

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