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## **WARD COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE**

Update March 10:

**Driver No. 1:** Paul Hauser, 60, Foxholm, Fatal

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**What:** Fatality

**Where:** 7200 Block of 87<sup>th</sup> St NW, Burlington

**When:** March 8, 2026, at 7:35 p.m. Central Time (exact time of crash unknown)

**Road Conditions:** Gravel / Muddy

**Weather Conditions:** Clear / Dusk

**Crash Involvement:** Class II Off-Highway Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rollover

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota State Patrol, Ward County Sheriff's Department, Burlington Police Department, Burlington Fire Department, Trinity Health First Response Community Ambulance Service

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2001 Polaris Magnum 500

**Driver No. 1:** Male, 60, Foxholm, Fatal

**Restraints:** No helmet in use

**NARRATIVE:** On March 8, 2026, at approximately 7:35 p.m., a driver was operating a 2001 Polaris Magnum 500 (Class II OHV) northbound in the 7200 block of 87th St NW, northwest of Burlington. The driver lost control after striking an area of mud and standing water on the roadway. The Polaris left the roadway to the west, entered the ditch, and overturned.

The driver was transported to Trinity Hospital in Minot, where he was pronounced deceased. The exact time of the crash is unknown.

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



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