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## **MORTON COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE**

Update March 15:

**Driver No. 1:** Evan Nilson, 34, Punta Gorda, FL, injured

**Driver No. 2:** Cecilia Beiter, 21, Lancaster, OH, fatal injuries

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**What:** Fatal crash

**Where:** I-94, MM 139, (westbound), 8 miles west of Mandan

**When:** Saturday, March 14, 6:36 a.m. central time

**Road Conditions:** icy

**Weather Conditions:** dry

**Crash Involvement:** Pickup/Car

**Type of Crash:** T-bone

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota State Patrol, Morton County Sheriff's Office, Mandan Rural Fire Department, Metro Area Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2024 Ram 3500

**Driver No. 1:** Male, 34, Punta Gorda, FL, injured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt in use

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2017 Subaru Legacy

**Driver No. 2:** Female, 21, Lancaster, OH, fatal injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt in use

**NARRATIVE:** On Saturday, March 14, a 2017 Subaru Legacy was traveling eastbound on I-94 near mile post 139 and was negotiating a curve in the roadway. Icy road conditions caused the Subaru to enter the median and travel into the westbound roadway. The Subaru was struck by a westbound 2024 Ram 3500. The driver of the Subaru was pronounced deceased at the

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scene. The driver of the Ram was transported to a Bismarck Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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

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