

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | March 20, 2026

## **WARD COUNTY FATAL CRASH**

Update March 21:

**Driver No. 1:** Lester Bergstad, 46, Minot, injured

**Passenger No. 1:** Estoria Bergstad, 46, Minot, fatality

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**What:** Fatality

**Where:** 128<sup>th</sup> Ave NE & 13<sup>th</sup> St NE, 6 miles north and east of Minot

**When:** March 20, 2026, at 4:34 p.m. central time

**Road Conditions:** Dry

**Weather Conditions:** Sunny

**Crash Involvement:** Single vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rollover

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota State Patrol, Ward County Sheriff's Office, Trinity

Ambulance Service, Minot Rural Fire

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2025 Ford F550 Box Truck

**Driver No. 1:** Male, 46, Minot, injured

**Restraints:** No seat belt in use

**Charges:** Under investigation

**Passenger No. 1:** Female, 46, Minot, fatality

**Restraints:** No seat belt in use

**NARRATIVE:** On March 20, 2026, at approximately 4:34 p.m. CDT, a Ford F-550 box truck was traveling on 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE when the driver lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle subsequently rolled. The driver sustained injuries and was transported by ambulance to Trinity Hospital in Minot. The passenger sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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

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