

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | March 31, 2026

ADAMS COUNTY FATAL CRASH

What: Fatal crash

Where: Highway 12, MM 80, approximately 6 miles east of Hettinger

When: Tuesday, March 31; 10:15 a.m. mountain time

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Dry

Crash Involvement: Pickup/Truck-Trailer combination

Type of Crash: Rear-end

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Adams County Sheriff's Office, Hettinger County Sheriff's Office, West River Ambulance, Hettinger Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2006 Toyota Tundra

Driver No. 1: Male, 24, Waterford, MI, fatal injuries

Restraints: Seat belt not in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2007 International Truck Trailer combination

Driver No. 2: Male, 20, Hettinger, not injured

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Passenger No. 1: Male, 72, Hettinger, not injured

Restraints: Seat belt in use

NARRATIVE: On Tuesday, March 31 at 10:15 a.m., a 2006 Toyota Tundra was traveling west on Highway 12 acting as a pilot car for an oversize load traveling at a stated speed of 65-70 mph. A 2007 International Truck trailer combination was traveling west ahead at a stated speed of 45 mph. The Tundra rear-ended and struck the rear of the trailer of the International combination. The driver of the Tundra died at the scene. The driver and passenger of the International were not injured.

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

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