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STEELE COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

May 17 Update:

Driver No. 1: Jonathan Heidorn, 42, Hope, fatality

What: Fatal Crash

Where: 12th St & 126th Avenue Southeast, Hope (2 miles northwest of Pillsbury)

When: May 15, 2026, unknown – nighttime hours

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Dry

Crash Involvement: Single Vehicle

Type of Crash: Vehicle vs Fixed object

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Steele County Sheriff's Office, Hope Ambulance, Hope Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2022 Chevrolet Silverado
Driver No. 1: Male, 42, Hope, fatality
Restraints: No seat belt in use

Vehicle No. 2: Komatsu D65WX Dozer (unoccupied, parked)

NARRATIVE: On May 15, 2026, at an unknown time during nighttime hours, a Chevrolet Silverado was traveling from Page toward Hope on 12th Street. The vehicle failed to negotiate the curve at the intersection of 126th Avenue Southeast and struck an unoccupied parked Komatsu dozer located in a field.

The crash was located at approximately 9:29 a.m. on May 16, 2026. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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

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