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BURKE COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

May 30 Update:

Driver No. 1: Keith Melby, 72, Kenmare, Fatal injuries

What: Fatality Crash

Where: 93rd Street Northwest and 69th Avenue Northwest, rural Bowbells

When: May 28, 2026

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Sunny

Crash Involvement: Train vs. dump truck

Type of Crash: T-bone

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

Vehicle No. 1: 1978 Ford Dump Truck

Driver No. 1: Male, 72, Kenmare, Fatal injuries

Restraints: Seat belt in use

NARRATIVE: On May 28, 2026, at 4:21 p.m., a 1978 Ford dump truck was traveling eastbound on 93rd Street Northwest near 69th Avenue Northwest. The dump truck drove across railroad tracks as an incoming BNSF train approached. The dump truck was struck by the train while crossing the tracks. The driver of the dump truck died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota State Patrol.

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