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WILLIAMS COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

May 4 Update:

Driver No. 1: Tiernan Goebel, 18, Epping, fatal injuries

Driver No. 2: David Marchell, 42, Williston, minor injuries

What: Fatal Crash

Where: 124th Avenue Northwest near 53rd Street Northwest

When: May 2, 2026, at 4:48 p.m.

Road Conditions: Gravel (normal conditions)

Weather Conditions: Sunny

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs Vehicle

Type of Crash: Head-on

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Williams County Sheriff's Office, Williston

Ambulance, Williston Rural Fire

Vehicle No. 1: 2004 Dodge Dakota

Driver No. 1: Male, 18, Epping, fatal injuries

Restraints: No seat belt in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2023 Ford F-150

Driver No. 2: Male, 42, Williston, minor injuries

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: On May 2, 2026, at 4:48 p.m., a 2004 Dodge Dakota was traveling southbound on 124th Avenue Northwest cresting a hill on the wrong side of the road at a high rate of speed. At the same time, a 2023 Ford F-150 was traveling northbound. The vehicles struck head-on. The driver of the Dodge died from injuries sustained in the crash. The driver of the Ford suffered minor injuries.

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

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