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STEELE COUNTY INJURY CRASH UPDATE 2

Update August 21:

Driver No. 1: Alexander Effertz, 33, Hope, died of injuries sustained in the crash August 15.

Update July 22:

Driver No. 1: Alexander Effertz, 33, Hope, serious injuries

What: Serious injury crash

Where: Highway 200, mile marker 352, approximately 11 miles east of Cooperstown

When: Tuesday, July 21, 2:50 a.m.

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Dry

Crash Involvement: Single motorcycle

Type of Crash: Rollover

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Steele County Sheriff's Office, West Trail

Ambulance Service, AirMed-Sanford Health, Finley Community Volunteer Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2001 Harley Davidson

Driver No. 1: Male, 33, Hope, serious injuries

Restraints: Helmet not in use

Charges: Driving under the influence

NARRATIVE: On Tuesday, July 21 at approximately 2:50 a.m., a 2001 Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling east on Highway 200 near mile marker 352. The motorcycle ran off the roadway and traveled along the shoulder prior to leaving the roadway and entering the ditch. Once in the ditch, the motorcycle overturned and the driver was ejected. The driver was transported via ground ambulance to Mayville before being air transported to Sanford in Fargo.

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

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