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WELLS COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

Update: August 24:

Driver No. 2: Michael McCreary, 74, Esmond, fatality

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Railroad crossing on 35th Avenue Northeast, south of 30th Street Northeast (5 miles northeast of Harvey)

When: August 22, 2026, at 2:48 p.m. Central Time

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Dry

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs. train

Type of Crash: T-bone

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Wells County Sheriff's Office, Pierce County Sheriff's Office, Harvey Fire Department, Harvey Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) train

Vehicle No. 2: 2022 Chevrolet Silverado

Driver No. 2: Male, 74, Esmond, fatality

Restraints: No seat belt in use

NARRATIVE: On August 22, 2026, at approximately 2:48 p.m., a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado was stopped on the railroad tracks on 35th Avenue Northeast, facing north. An eastbound BNSF train struck the driver's side of the Silverado. The railroad crossing was uncontrolled and marked with yield signs. The driver of the Chevrolet Silverado died from injuries sustained in the crash.

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



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