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MCKENZIE COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

Update: August 30

Driver No. 1: Clayton Macklin, 19, Watford City, fatality

Driver No. 2: Lazaro Amador, 36, Williston, not injured

What: Fatality Crash

Where: Highway 23, mile marker 22

When: August 29, 2026, at 6:43 a.m. Central Time

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Vehicle / CMV

Type of Crash: Head-on

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

Vehicle No. 1: 2023 Dodge Ram 1500

Driver No. 1: Male, 19, Watford City, fatality

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2013 Peterbilt Truck

Driver No. 2: Male, 36, Williston, not injured

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: On August 29, 2026, at approximately 6:43 a.m. Central Time, a 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 was traveling westbound on Highway 23 near mile marker 22. The Ram crossed the centerline and struck an eastbound 2013 Peterbilt head-on. The driver of the Dodge Ram was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the Peterbilt was not injured. Highway 23 was closed at the crash location from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

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