

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | September 28, 2026

### **WARD COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE**

Update September 29:

**Driver No. 1:** Andres Rubio, 47, Belfield; serious, life-threatening injuries

**Passenger No. 1:** Ricardo Rubio, 50, Los Banos, CA, fatal injuries

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**What:** Fatal crash

**Where:** Highway 28, mile marker 12.5; approximately ½ mile north of Ryder

**When:** Sunday, September 27, 8:38 p.m. Central Time

**Road Conditions:** Dry

**Weather Conditions:** Dry

**Crash Involvement:** Single vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rollover

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota State Patrol, Ward County Sheriff's Office, Max Ambulance, Ryder/Makoti Fire and Ryder/Makoti Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2001 Ford F-150

**Driver No. 1:** Male, 47, Belfield; serious, life-threatening injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt not in use

**Charges:** DUI, Criminal vehicular homicide

**Passenger No. 1:** Male, 50, Los Banos, CA, fatal injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt not in use

**NARRATIVE:** On Sunday, September 27, 2026, at approximately 8:38 p.m., a Ford F-150 was traveling north on Highway 28 near mile post 12.5 when it entered the west ditch, vaulted and rolled. The passenger was not wearing a seat belt and died at the scene. The driver was not wearing a seat belt, suffered serious, life-threatening injuries, and was transported to Trinity Hospital in Minot. The driver was charged with DUI and criminal vehicular homicide.

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

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