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****UPDATE**2 Vehicle Fatality Crash**

What: Fatality Crash

Where: I-94 mm 310, 2 miles east of Tower City

When: 1/22/22 around 9:00pm

Road Conditions: scattered ice

Weather Conditions: clear, cold

Crash Involvement: vehicle / parked vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear End

Agencies Involved: Cass County SO, Tower City FD, Casselton FD

Vehicle No. 1: 2017 GMC Yukon

Driver No. 1: Timothy Hagerott, 42 years old, Bismarck ND, serious injury, stable condition

Restraints: seatbelt

Charges: none

Passenger No. 1: Kelli Hagerott, 43 years old, Bismarck ND, fatality

Restraints: seatbelt

Passenger No. 2: 14 year old female, Bismarck ND, serious injury, critical condition

Restraints: seatbelt

Passenger No. 3: 9 year old female, Bismarck ND, serious injury, critical condition

Restraints: seatbelt

Vehicle No. 2: 1997 International tow truck

Driver No. 2: driver not present, Mario Butler, 43 years old, Minot, ND

Restraints: N/A

Charges: under investigation

NARRATIVE: The 1997 International flatbed tow truck experienced a mechanical issue and was stopped in the right lane of westbound I-94. The driver, Mario Butler, called a tow truck but received a ride from the scene by a passing motorist prior to the tow trucks arrival, leaving it unattended. The 2017 GMC Yukon was travelling westbound on I-94 and struck the rear of the tow truck. Both vehicles came to rest in the north ditch.

The front seat passenger, Kelli Hagerott, was pronounced dead on the scene. The two juvenile female passengers and the driver, Timothy Hagerott, were all transported to Sanford Hospital in Fargo for serious injuries. Timothy Hagerott is in stable condition, both juvenile passengers are in critical condition. The crash remains under investigation.

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