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Sargent County Injury Crash

What: Two vehicle injury crash

Where: ND Highway 13, mile marker 341. 1 mile west of Gwinner, ND

When: August 22nd, 2022, at 2:57 PM.

Road Conditions: Normal

Weather Conditions: Normal

Crash Involvement: Two vehicle – 1. CMV tractor trailer hauling fertilizer. 2. Farm tractor pulling a mower.

Type of Crash: Rear end, ran off roadway, ejection

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Sargent County Sheriff's Department, Gwinner Fire Department, Forman and Gwinner Ambulance Services

Vehicle No. 1: 2006 Volvo VNL, 1985 tank trailer

Driver No. 1: Ryan Roger Unterseher, 43-year-old male, Lidgerwood, ND, injured.

Restraints: Seat belt not worn, airbags deployed

Charges: Under investigation

Vehicle No. 2: Case International Harvester Row-Crop tractor

Driver No. 1: Christopher Lee McFarland, 52-year-old male, Gwinner, ND, serious injuries.

Restraints: None

Charges: N/A

NARRATIVE: The Case tractor was pulling a mower trailer, west bound on ND Highway 13, 1 mile west of Gwinner, ND. The Volvo truck was also westbound and came upon the tractor while it was driving on the roadway. Unterseher was distracted by something neat his feet and failed to see the tractor. He rear ended the mower the tractor was pulling.

The tractor and mower were pushed into the north ditch where they separated and rolled. McFarland was ejected out of the rear of the tractor and came to rest in north ditch. The truck and tanker combination entered the north ditch before coming to rest upright.

McFarland was serious injured and taken by Gwinner Ambulance to the Lisbon Hospital, before transported to Sanford Health in Fargo. Unterseher was transported by Forman Ambulance to Lisbon Hospital for treatment of his injuries. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage and were totaled during the crash.

The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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