

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | April 19, 2024

Construction Flagger Struck by Vehicle

What: Injury Crash

Where: Highway 14 MM 11, 10 miles south of Wing

When: 4/19/2024 12:25 PM Central Time

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Cloudy/Windy

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Pedestrian

Type of Crash: Pedestrian

Agencies Involved: ND Highway Patrol, Burleigh County Sheriff's Department, Wing Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2010 GMC Sierra

Driver No. 1: Dale Olson, 81-year-old male from Wing, no injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: under investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 1998 Chevrolet Pickup

Driver No. 2: Driverless-Parked motor vehicle

Restraints: not applicable-parked motor vehicle

Charges: none

Pedestrian: James Wipf

Hometown: Fessenden

Gender/Age: 71-Year-Old Male

Injury: Serious non-life-threatening injuries

NARRATIVE: Vehicle 1, driven by Dale Olson, was traveling northbound on Highway 14. Vehicle 2 was parked on the northbound shoulder slightly in the roadway. Construction

Flagger, James Wipf, was standing outside the driver side door of Vehicle 2 using a sign to slow down vehicles traveling southbound. There was a semi-truck traveling northbound stopping intermittently to drop off hay wattles to prevent soil erosion for an upcoming construction project to take place on Highway 14 the following week. Vehicle 1 had passed the semi slowly without incident. Olson did not see Vehicle 2 that was further north of the semi with Wipf standing outside it with its amber lights on. Olson struck the back of Vehicle 2 pushing it into Wipf. Wipf was pushed into the southbound lanes and Olson ended up in the east ditch. Wipf was transported to Sanford Hospital in Bismarck with serious injuries. Crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol.

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