

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | November 5, 2024

## **Two Vehicle Head on Crash**

**What:** Fatality

**Where:** Hwy 22, mm 46, New England, ND

**When:** November 5, 2024, 0913 MT

**Road Conditions:** Wet, slick

**Weather Conditions:** Cloudy

**Crash Involvement:** Passenger vehicle vs passenger vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Head-on

**Agencies Involved:** Hettinger County Sheriff's Office

New England Ambulance and Fire

North Dakota Highway Patrol

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2002 Chevrolet Trail Blazer

**Driver No. 1:** Elizabeth Valencia, 58, New England, fatality

**Restraints:** Not wearing

**Charges:** None

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2015 Ram 1500

**Driver No. 2:** Richard Frederick, 76, Amidon, serious, non-life threatening injury

**Restraints:** Seatbelt worn

**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** The Chevrolet was traveling from New England to Gascoyne, ND at an unknown speed. The Ram was traveling from Amidon to Dickinson, ND at a stated speed of 35 mph on Highway 22. The Chevrolet lost control on the bridge deck on Highway 22 near

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mm 46 outside of New England due to the icy road conditions. The Chevrolet veered into the northbound lane of Highway 22, striking the Ram head-on. The Chevrolet rotated and came to rest facing northeast while the Ram came to a complete stop facing north. Drivers of both vehicles were transported by ambulance to CHI St Alexius in Dickinson. The driver of the Chevrolet, Valencia, died due to injuries sustained in crash.

This crash remains under investigation by the ND Highway Patrol. Names of parties involved will be released after next of kin notifications.

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