

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | October 14, 2024

**UPDATE Wells County DUI Injury Crash**

**What:** Injury

**Where:** Hwy 200 MM 208 (Approximately 1.5 miles west of Skyeston)

**When:** October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:36 PM (Central Time).

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Cloudy

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle vs Vehicle.

**Type of Crash:** Rear-end

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Wells County Sheriff's Department, Skyeston Fire Department, Carrington Ambulance.

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2019 Ford F-150

**Driver No. 1:** Justin Bell 36-year-old male from West Fargo, ND (Serious life-threatening injuries).

**Restraints:** no seatbelt. Front airbag deployment.

**Charges:** Driving under the influence of alcohol, Driving under suspension.

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2004 Kenworth Semi-truck, pulling a grain trailer.

**Driver No. 2:** Dustin Duda 45-year-old male from Cathay, ND (Not injured).

**Restraints:** seatbelt

**Charges:** no charges

**NARRATIVE:**

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:36 PM (Central Time) a serious injury DUI crash occurred between two vehicles on Hwy 200 near MM 208 approximately 1.5 miles west of Skyeston, ND.

A Kenworth semi-truck hauling a grain trailer operated by (Duda) was traveling westbound on Hwy 200. The driver of the semi-truck attempted to make a right turn into a farmyard near this location. A 2019 Ford F-150 traveling behind the semi-truck operated by (Bell) failed to notice the semi-truck was slowing to make the turn.

The driver of the F-150 struck the back of the semi-truck's trailer at road speed. The semi-truck was partially in the driveway of the Farm when this collision occurred.

The F-150 came to rest in the westbound lane of Hwy 200. The semi-truck came to rest in the driveway of the farm.

(Bell) sustained serious life-threatening injuries and was transported by ambulance to the Carrington Hospital. (Bell) was stabilized, and life flighted to Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND. (Duda) was not injured in the crash.

(Bell) was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Driving Under Suspension.

This crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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