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Rural Richland County Rollover Crash

What: Injury

Where: 5 miles north of Dwight, 7 miles east of Galchutt

When: 11-14-2024 at 6:09 PM Central

Road Conditions: Good, Dry

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

Crash Involvement: Single Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rollover

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, CHI St. Francis Ambulance Service, Abercrombie Fire and EMS, Richland County Sheriff's Office

Vehicle No. 1: 2023 Ford F-150

Driver No. 1: Steven Nelk, 30, Abercrombie, serious non-life threatening injuries

Restraints: No seatbelt in use

Charges: Failure to maintain control-distracted driving

NARRATIVE: The Ford F-150 was traveling southbound on Co Rd 81, in Richland County, one half mile south of County Road 8. Nelk dropped his cell phone on the floorboard and while reaching down to pick up the phone he left the roadway. The Ford entered the west ditch and struck a driveway on the west side of Co Rd 81. The Ford vaulted over the driveway and then rolled twice before coming to rest on its tires. Nelk was not wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash. Nelk was transported to Sanford Medical Center for his injuries.

Nelk is a Richland County Sheriff's Deputy and was traveling to law enforcement training in his personal vehicle.



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