

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE October 27, 2024

Ward County Injury Crash

What: Injury Crash

Where: Intersection of Highway 83 & 54th Avenue Southwest (2 miles south of Minot)

When: 25 October 2024 @ approximately 8:37 AM CST

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Two-vehicle

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Ward County Sheriff's Office, Minot Rural

Fire Department and First Response Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2022 Jeep Grand Cherokee

Driver No. 1: Paul Simonson: 77-year-old male of Minot ND; no injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in use **Charges:** Under investigation

Pass. No. 1: Paula Simonson: 74-year-old female of Minot ND; serious injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2017 Infiniti QX50

Driver No. 2: 17-year-old female of Minot ND; serious injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: Under investigation



NARRATIVE:

On 25 October 2024 at approximately 8:37 AM CST, a 2022 Jeep Grand Cherokee was southbound on Highway 83, approaching the intersection with 54th Ave. SW. At this time, a 2017 Infiniti QX50 was westbound on 54th Ave. SW and crossing Highway 83. The Infiniti failed to yield the right of way to the Jeep. The Jeep struck the Infiniti on its passenger side. Both vehicles came to final rest in the southwest corner of the intersection. The driver of the Jeep did not sustain any injuries. The passenger of the Jeep and the Driver of the Infiniti sustained serious injuries and were transported to Trinity Hospital in Minot.

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

For More Information Contact:

Sergeant Michael Brown mlbrown@nd.gov