



MEDIA RELEASE

HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incident Code:	Two Vehicle Injury Crash		
Date of Call:	Friday, January 16, 2026		
Time of Call:	5:52am		
Location:	South of Intersection US Highway 81 / 179th Street		
Details:	<p>CASTLEWOOD, SD - At approximately 5:52 a.m. on Friday, January 16, emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle injury crash south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 81 and 179th Street, approximately 5.4 miles northwest of Castlewood.</p> <p>Preliminary investigation indicates a vehicle was traveling eastbound as it exited a private driveway when it was unable to stop due to icy road conditions. The vehicle slid onto U.S. Highway 81 and collided with a vehicle traveling southbound on the highway. The southbound vehicle then went into the east ditch.</p> <p>The driver of the southbound vehicle was transported by Castlewood Ambulance to a local medical facility with non-life-threatening injuries.</p> <p>The crash remains under investigation by the Hamlin County Sheriff's Office.</p> <p>U.S. Highway 81 was reduced to a single lane for over an hour while emergency responders worked to clear the scene and remove the vehicles.</p> <p>Assisting at the scene were the Castlewood Fire Department and BES Towing of Lake Norden.</p>		
Any defendant(s) listed are presumed innocent under the U.S. Constitution.			
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