



MEDIA RELEASE

HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incident Code: Injury Motor Vehicle Crash		
Date of Call: September 22nd, 2025		
Time of Call: 2:33pm		
Location: Near 447th Avenue / 180th Street		
Details: Hazel, SD - The Watertown Regional Dispatch Center received a 911 call from a passerby at 2:33 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2025, reporting that a vehicle had rolled and was partly submerged in water, with approximately half of the truck's cab underwater. First responders from the Lake Norden Ambulance and Hazel Fire Department, and law enforcement from the Hamlin County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the scene. The two occupants were able to exit the vehicle and escape the water. The passenger received minor injuries from the crash and was checked over by EMS personnel at the scene. Before the crash, the vehicle was traveling northbound on 447th Avenue when it crossed over to the other side of the road, struck the ditch, and then rolled into the nearby water. The driver, a 19-year-old man from Culbertson, MT, was charged with Careless Driving and No Seatbelt. The Hamlin County Sheriff's Office handled the crash investigation. Also on scene was BES Towing.		
Any defendant(s) listed are presumed innocent under the U.S. Constitution.		
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