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### **(Neb.)-No Serious Injuries In Two Chadron Accidents**

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(Chadron)-The Chadron Police Department has released more information on two accidents which took place on Thursday in Chadron. The first occurred at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main Streets and the second took place at the intersection of Highways 20 and 385.

At 11:39 am, officers responded to the first accident involving a 2005 Chevy Silverado Pickup, driven by Eldon Sandsness, age 73, of Chadron. It was reported that the pickup struck a pedestrian in the crosswalk of the intersection, who was identified as Ramona Black Elk, age 46. Black Elk was walking north bound in the cross walk on the east side of the intersection, when the pickup turned from the north to head east on Third Street.

Sandsness failed to yield the right of way to Black Elk, and struck her with the left front bumper of his vehicle. Black Elk was transported by crews from the Chadron Fire Department to ChadronCommunityHospital, where she was treated for injuries. Sandsness was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way to a pedestrian in a cross walk. His vehicle sustained \$400.

At approximately 5:22 pm, another accident was reported near Big Bat's on West Third Street. The accident involved two vehicles, and upon investigation, it was discovered that a west bound 2003 GMC Envoy, driven by White Dove Clifford, age 32 of Pine Ridge, struck a 2009 GMC Sierra Pickup, driven by 49-year-old Andrew Greene of Fort Pierre, SD. Witnesses reported to law enforcement that it appeared the Clifford vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed prior to the collision.

Four persons were transported to ChadronCommunityHospital for various non-life threatening injuries. Clifford was cited by the Nebraska State Patrol for driving under the influence of alcohol, as well as other minor offenses. The Nebraska State Patrol and Dawes County Sheriff's Office assisted the PD during the accidents.

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