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## **Pursuit and Suspect Vehicle Crash - NDHP**

On Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at approximately 8:10 am, a 2015 Chrysler 200 fled from a traffic stop involving a ND State Trooper.

A ND Highway Patrol Trooper observed the eastbound Chrysler on I-94 at MM 349 (Tri-Level area) traveling 83 mph in the 55 mph zone. The trooper attempted a traffic stop on the Chrysler and the driver fled eastbound on I-94, reaching a speed of 95 mph. While in ND, near 25<sup>th</sup> St, the Chrysler struck another motorist and continued to flee. The other motorist was not injured.

After a short time, the suspect vehicle entered MN and exited I-94 at Exit 1 (8<sup>th</sup> St. Exit-Moorhead). While exiting, the suspect vehicle struck a Dodge Ram pickup, which caused a chain reaction crash involving three more vehicles (5 total vehicles involved in MN crash).

After crashing, the suspect was taken into custody without further incident by the NDHP. The suspect is Abdifatah Mohamud Jama, 18 YOA, Moorhead, MN. Jama was arrested for misdemeanor DUI, felony Reckless Endangerment and felony Fleeing Law Enforcement.

The NDHP was assisted by the MN State Patrol. The MN State Patrol is investigating the crash that occurred in MN. The NDHP is investigating the crash that occurred in ND.

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