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INTERSTATE 94 FATAL CRASH

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Interstate 94 Milepost 162.3 – East of Bismarck, ND

When: 06/27/2020 at 0902 hours

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: 2-vehicle

Type of Crash: Angle – Front-to-side

Agencies Involved: Burleigh County Sheriff's Department, Bismarck Fire Department and Metro Ambulance Service

Vehicle No. 1: 2003 Chevrolet Blazer

Driver No. 1: Susan Lachenmeier – 64 yrs old - Bismarck, ND – Minor Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt - Airbags not deployed

Charges: Under Investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 1988 Toyota Camry

Driver No. 2: Letha Farley – 57 yrs old – Bismarck, ND – Fatal

Restraints: Seatbelt - Airbags not deployed

NARRATIVE: Susan Lachenmeier was traveling East on I94 from Bismarck to Hazelton in the left lane at 75mph. Letha Farley was traveling East on I94 from Bismarck to an unknown destination in the right lane at an unknown speed. Lachenmeier was about to pass Farley's Camry when Farley abruptly turned left in front of the Lachenmeier to cross the median using the marked crossover. The center front of the Blazer struck the driver's side of the Camry in the left lane of the Eastbound lanes. The Blazer came to rest on all wheels facing Southeast blocking the left lane. The Camry came to rest on all wheels facing North blocking the left lane.

Letha Farley suffered severe injuries and was transported by Metro Ambulance Service to Sanford Hospital, where she was pronounced deceased. Susan Lachenmeier suffered minor injuries and was transported by private vehicle to Sanford Hospital.

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

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