

I-29 MM 64 Southbound Fatal Crash

Updated – Crash Causation

What: Two vehicle fatal crash
Where: I-29 southbound MM 64, at the 17th Ave S overpass
When: November 29th, 2021 at approximately 3:00 pm
Road Conditions: Dry
Weather: Clear
Type of Crash: A stopped vehicle was rear ended in lane 2 of southbound I-29
Agencies Involved: NDHP, Cass SO, Fargo FD, FM Ambulance, NDDOT

Vehicle No. 1: 2006 Toyota 4Runner
Driver No. 1: Taylor Hemmesch, 22 YOA, Fargo, ND – no injuries
Restraints: Restrained, air bag deployed
Charges: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2000 Chevrolet Silverado, towing an Abu, one axle flatbed trailer
Driver No. 1: None
Restraints: N/A

Pedestrian No. 1: Clinton Juaire, 72 YOA, Mooreton, ND; serious injuries
Pedestrian No. 2: Louise Juaire, 73 YOA, Mooreton, ND; deceased

NARRATIVE:

On November 29th, at approximately 3:00 pm, a two-vehicle fatal crash occurred southbound on I-29 near MM 64, at the 17th Ave S overpass. The crash occurred in lane two of the four lane roadway.

The Chevrolet towing the trailer was stopped in lane 2 and both occupants of the Chevrolet had exited and were standing at the rear of the truck.

The Toyota approached the stopped Chevrolet and was unable to take evasive action. The Toyota struck the rear of the trailer, propelling the trailer and Chevrolet forward. The trailer struck both Clinton and Louise Juaire, who had occupied the Chevrolet prior to the crash.

After the initial collision, the Toyota came to rest on top of the trailer, facing west, upright. The pickup and trailer remained upright and came to rest across lane 2 and 3 of southbound I-29.

Clinton Juaire was transported to Sanford Hospital in Fargo for serious injuries. Louise Juaire was pronounced dead on scene.

Taylor Hemmesch was uninjured.

Southbound I-29 traffic was impacted for approximately 90 minutes, as only one southbound lane remained open to protect the safety of the first responders on scene.

The crash investigation revealed the following:

- Juaire was towing an empty flatbed, one axle trailer.
- The receiver on the truck had a 1 7/8 inch ball.
- The trailer had a 2 inch hitch
- As the vehicle was traveling southbound on I-29, the trailer hitch separated from the ball.
- Juaire correctly had the safety chains attaching the trailer to the truck and the trailer remained attached via the safety chains.
- The trailer began to sway and Juaire stopped in the middle of lane 2 to re-attach the trailer hitch to the receiver ball.
- Both Clinton and Louise exited the truck to re-attach the trailer when the trailer was struck.

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