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### **Assault on NDHP Trooper – I-94 Oriska Rest Area**

On Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, a ND Highway Patrol (NDHP) Trooper responded to a report of a reckless driver traveling westbound on I-94 near Tower City. The vehicle was described as a tan Buick LeSabre with no registration displayed.

The NDHP Trooper located the Buick parked at the westbound Oriska Rest Area on I-94 MM 304 at approximately 7:24 am. The driver appeared to be passed out inside the running Buick.

The trooper was able to wake up the driver of the Buick and observed signs the driver was under the influence of methamphetamine. The driver refused to exit the vehicle and was placed under arrest.

After the driver of the Buick was placed under arrest, the trooper attempted to use force to remove the driver from the vehicle. The driver resisted arrest and was able to place the vehicle in reverse and began to accelerate in reverse, dragging the trooper.

The trooper was able to force the vehicle back into park and the driver continued to resist the trooper. While the driver was resisting, she attempted to disarm the trooper.

Two Good Samaritans assisted the trooper in removing the driver from the Buick and the trooper was able to place the driver in handcuffs. The driver was then secured in a patrol vehicle.

After taking the driver into custody, it was learned the Buick had been stolen from Clay County, MN on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The driver of the Buick was Amanda Leavy, 35 YOA, Jamestown, ND. Leavy was arrested for the following misdemeanor offenses: driving under the influence, driving under suspension, false information, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. She was also arrested for the following felonies: attempting to disarm a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest, aggravated assault, possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of methamphetamine paraphernalia.

Leavy was transported for minor injuries by the Barnes County ambulance to Mercy Hospital in Valley City. She was treated, released, and transported to the Stutsman County Jail.



The trooper was treated for non-life threatening injuries at Mercy Hospital in Valley City and has been released from the hospital.

The Valley City Police Department and Barnes County Sheriff's Office responded to the incident as well.

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