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Cass County Injury Crash

What: Injury Crash

Where: Interstate 29, mile post 76, 2 miles south of Argusville, ND

When: March 26, 2021 1:29 PM

Road Conditions: Normal, dry

Weather Conditions: 40 degrees, overcast, SSE wind at 16 MPH

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Truck Tractor

Type of Crash: Sideswipe, ran off roadway

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Cass County Sheriff's Office, FM Ambulance, Harwood Fire and Rescue, Argusville Fire and Rescue, and Cass County First Responders.

Vehicle No. 1: 2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer

Driver No. 1: Teresa G Fassino, female, 53, Gardner, ND, injured

Restraints: Seat belt not worn, airbags deployed,

Charges: Driving under the influence of alcohol.

Vehicle No. 2: 2020 Freightliner Truck

Driver No. 2: Harpeet S. Shergill, male, 37, Alberta, Canada

Restraints: Seat belt worn, no airbags

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: The Freightliner was traveling northbound on I-29 in the right lane at mile marker 76. The Trailblazer was northbound in the left passing lane. The Trailblazer crossed the center line and sideswiped the driver's side of the trailer. Fassino overcorrected and entered the median. The Trailblazer came to rest facing NW in the left lane of I-29 south bound. Fassino was not wearing a seatbelt and was extricated from the vehicle by Harwood Fire.

Fassino's vehicle was totaled during the crash and the Freightliner suffered minimal damage. Fassino sustained serious but non-life-threatening injuries during the crash and was transported by FM Ambulance to Sanford Hospital in Fargo. Shergill was uninjured in the crash. Fassino was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and open container of alcohol.

This crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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