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**NDHP Patrol Car Struck – I-94 MM 257 Jamestown – October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

On Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at approximately 7:25 pm, a ND Highway Patrol trooper was assisting a stranded motorist and a tow truck eastbound on I-94 MM 257 at Jamestown.

A vehicle had broken down along the eastbound median shoulder. The tow truck was on scene to remove the stranded vehicle. The NDHP Trooper was on scene with their emergency lights activated to warn traffic of the stranded vehicle and tow truck. The emergency lights included an amber arrow board directing traffic to move to the right.

A 2002 Chevrolet Impala approached the NDHP Trooper vehicle in the left lane of eastbound I-94, slowed and then side swiped the patrol vehicle. After striking the patrol vehicle, the Impala did not stop and continued to travel eastbound on I-94.

The NDHP Trooper left the stranded motorist and tow truck and stopped the Impala. The Stutsman County Sheriff's Office responded and completed an investigation of the crash involving the Impala and the NDHP patrol vehicle, a 2018 Ford Explorer (see attached picture).

The suspect from the Impala was Angela Rose Fickert, 51 YOA, East Grand Forks, MN. The Stutsman County SO arrested Fickert for driving under suspension (DUS) and on an outstanding Morton County, ND arrest warrant for failure to appear on a previous DUS charge. Fickert was also cited for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle and driving without liability insurance.

The Stutsman County SO is investigating the non-reportable crash.

Neither Fickert or the NDHP Trooper were injured in the crash. The NDHP Trooper was seated in the Ford patrol vehicle and seat belted at the time of the crash. It is unknown at this time if Fickert was restrained at the time of the crash.

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**NDHP Patrol Vehicle – 2018 Ford Explorer**

