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Two Vehicle Hit and Run Fatal Crash – I-94 MM 305

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What: Two vehicle, rear end fatal crash involving a hit and run

Where: I-94 MM 305 westbound, near the Oriska Rest Area

When: July 12th, 2022 at approximately 4:10 am

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather: Dark, not lighted

Type of Crash: Rear-end crash; hit and run

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Barnes County SO, Valley City PD, Barnes County Ambulance, Tower City FD, Valley City FD

Vehicle No. 1: 2017 GMC Sierra

Driver No. 1: Wyatt Staloch, 26 YOA male, Jamestown, ND - uninjured

Restraints: Under investigation

Charges: Leaving the scene of a fatal crash – B Felony; other charges are pending

Vehicle No. 2: 2005 Dodge Ram 2500, towing a U-Haul flatbed car trailer (empty)

Driver No. 2: Kimberly Bennett, 46 YOA female, Hazen, ND - injured

Restraints: Restrained

Charges: None

Passenger No. 1: Christina Anderson, 42 YOA female, Hazen, ND, front passenger seat – fatal injuries

Restraints: Under investigation

Passenger No. 2: 14 YOA female, Hazen, ND, rear seat – injured

Restraints: Not restrained and ejected

NARRATIVE:

On July 12th, 2022 at approximately 4:10 am, a two vehicle crash occurred on I-94 near MM 305, just east of the Oriska Rest Area, along the westbound roadway.

A 2005 Dodge Ram, towing a U-Haul flatbed car trailer, was westbound on I-94 in lane 2 (right lane). While traveling westbound, the trailer and Dodge Ram were rear-ended by a 2017 GMC Sierra.

After the collision, the Dodge and trailer entered the median and rolled. The 14 YOA female passenger in the Dodge was unrestrained and was ejected during the rollover. The other two occupants of the Dodge remained in the vehicle. After striking the Dodge, the GMC fled the crash scene.

Evidence on scene allowed law enforcement to identify the GMC being involved in the crash. Law enforcement placed a BOLO (Be on the lookout) out for the GMC. The GMC was located later in the morning in Jamestown by the NDHP. The GMC was impounded and the driver, Wyatt Staloch was detained. During the investigation, Staloch was identified as the driver of the GMC at the time of the crash. He was arrested for Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Crash, a B Felony. He was transported to Stutsman County Corrections for this charge. Staloch was not injured in the crash.

The 14 YOA female passenger and **Kimberly Bennett** were both transported to Sanford Hospital in Fargo for their injuries. **Anderson was pronounced dead on scene.**

The name of the 14 YOA female passenger will not be released.

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

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