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## ND Highway Patrol Officer Involved Shooting – July 19th

On Tuesday, July 19, at approximately <u>4:50 p.m.</u> the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) responded to a hit and run injury crash in a southbound lane of Interstate 29 involving a blue pickup that rear ended a motorcycle. After the crash, the blue pickup, a Chevrolet Silverado fled the scene. NDHP troopers were not initially able to locate the blue pickup.

A short time later, a NDHP trooper located a Chevrolet Silverado that matched the description of the suspect vehicle driving west on 32nd Avenue South in Fargo. The Chevrolet also matched the description of a vehicle the Fargo Police Department was searching for in relation to an incident that involved shots being fired at an apartment complex in south Fargo. The NDHP trooper conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle on 32nd Ave. S. and was assisted by an FPD officer.

After the suspect vehicle came to a stop, the driver began to wave around a gun and then fled, driving north onto Interstate 29 at a high rate of speed. The NDHP trooper and FPD officer attempted to follow the truck as it drove recklessly on the interstate. The Chevrolet took the exit ramp to travel east onto Interstate 94. At this point, the FPD officer continued northbound on Interstate 29.

While negotiating the exit, the Chevrolet struck another vehicle and crashed. The male driver of the Chevrolet got out of the vehicle and began shooting as the NDHP trooper was approaching the vehicle. The NDHP trooper fired his department sidearm, striking the male suspect. The suspect was then taken into custody by FPD. The male suspect was detained and treated at a local healthcare facility. The suspect has been identified as Maichael Kamal Yousa (28 years of age) from Fargo, ND.

FPD continues to investigate the scene of the shots-fired incident in the apartment complex area. The NDHP continues to investigate the hit and run injury crash on I-29 that occurred at 4:50 p.m.





Law enforcement recovered a semi-auto handgun from the officer involved shooting scene. The number of shots fired from Mr. Yousa is still being investigated.

This officer involved shooting is under investigation by the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). The NDHP trooper has been placed on administrative leave pending the investigation by BCI and review by the Cass County State's Attorney, which is standard practice and department policy following an officer involved shooting.

The NDHP trooper involved is Trooper Miles Rhonemus. Trooper Rhonemus has been employed as a trooper with the NDHP since January, 2020.







**Trooper Miles Rhonemus** 

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