

I-94 Fatal Crash – Fargo – Updated Name Release

What: Two vehicle fatal crash

Where: The westbound I-94 exit ramp to northbound I-29 (Exit 349B)

When: June 1st, 2022 @ approximately 4:40 pm

Road Conditions: Dry, normal summer driving

Weather Conditions: Clear skies

Type of Crash: Rear end collision

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Fargo FD and Sanford Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2008 Pontiac Grand Prix
Driver No. 1: Shandi Cordner, 41 YOA, Clitherall, MN – uninjured
Restraints: Restrained and air bag deployed
Charges: See below

Vehicle No. 2: 2007 Chevrolet Suburban towing a car dolly trailer with a 2013 Fiat passenger car
Driver No. 2: Don Keplin, 50 YOA male, Fargo, ND – injured
Passenger: Lucas Azure, 39 YOA male, Fargo, ND - deceased
Restraints: Not applicable
Charges: Under investigation

NARRATIVE:

On June 1st at approximately 4:40 pm, the NDHP was dispatched to a two-vehicle crash that occurred on the westbound I-94 off-ramp to northbound I-29.

A 2007 Chevrolet Suburban that was towing a car dolly with a 2013 Fiat passenger attached had been westbound on I-94 and was exiting onto northbound I-29. There was an issue with the car dolly and the driver of the Suburban had stopped on the shoulder of the off-ramp. The driver and passenger of Suburban had exited and were standing at the rear of the Suburban.

Shortly thereafter, a Pontiac Grand Prix, driven by Shandi Cordner, rear ended the Fiat and car dolly. The Fiat and car dolly were pushed forward and struck the occupants of the Suburban.

Don Keplin, the driver of the Suburban suffered serious injuries in the crash. He was transported to Sanford Hospital in Fargo by Sanford Ambulance. Lucas Azure, the passenger of the Suburban suffered serious injuries in the crash. He was transported to Sanford Hospital in Fargo and was pronounced dead at the hospital.

The driver of the Pontiac Grand Prix, Shandi Cordner, was arrested for felony possession of methamphetamine and was booked into the Cass County Jail. Additional charges are pending.

This crash remains under investigation by the ND Highway Patrol.

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