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**UPDATED Serious Injury Crash on I-94 six miles east of Tappen**

**What:** Serious Injury Crash

**Where:** I-94 MM 220, 6 miles east of Tappen

**When:** 09/08/22 at 9:12 am.

**Road Conditions:** Normal

**Weather Conditions:** Clear

**Crash Involvement:** Semi vs Motorcycle

**Type of Crash:** Sideswipe while passing

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Kidder County SO, Medina Ambulance and Sanford Air Med

<b>Vehicle No. 1:</b>	2006 Suzuki C90 Cruiser Motorcycle
<b>Driver No. 1:</b>	Lee Wegener, 53 years old, Spring Lake Park, MN, <b>Fatal Injuries</b>
<b>Restraints:</b>	No Helmet
<b>Vehicle No. 2:</b>	2002 Peterbilt semi-truck
<b>Driver No. 2:</b>	Tyler Austin, 58 years old, Regent, ND, Not injured
<b>Restraints:</b>	Seatbelt
<b>Charges:</b>	None

**NARRATIVE:** Wegener was traveling west in the right lane of I-94 while riding a 2006 Suzuki motorcycle. Austin was traveling west and was in the left lane driving a 2002 Peterbilt semi-truck, pulling a grain trailer. As Austin was passing Wegener, Wegener's motorcycle swerved into the left lane and struck the right outside tire on the first axle of the trailer. Wegener lost control of the motorcycle which landed on its left side as it entered the north ditch, where it eventually came to rest on its right side. Wegener was ejected from the motorcycle during the crash and suffered severe injuries. Wegener was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. He was transported by Medina Ambulance and transferred to Sanford Air and then taken to Sanford Hospital in Bismarck.

Lee Wegener was pronounced deceased at Sanford Hospital on 09-12-2022 as a result from injuries sustained in the crash.

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