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## **Vehicle Driving Off Cliff Injury Crash**

**What:** Injury Crash

**Where:** Highway 1806 and 38<sup>th</sup> St(Old Heskett Power Plant Rd-1 mile north of Mandan)

**When:** 12/1/2023 8:22 PM

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Cloudy

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Non-Collision-1 Vehicle Rollover Crash Off Cliff

**Agencies Involved:** ND Highway Patrol, Morton County Sheriff Department, Mandan Rural Fire, Metro Area Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2003 Ford Escape

**Driver No. 1:** 14-year-old female, Mandan, Injured

**Restraints:** Not in use

**Charges:** Under Investigation

**Passenger No. 1:** 15-year-old female, Mandan, Injured

**Restraints:** Not in use

**Passenger No. 2:** 16-year-old male, Mandan, Injured

**Restraints:** Not in use

**Passenger No. 3:** 16-year-old male, Mandan, Injured

**Restraints:** Not in Use

**NARRATIVE:** The Ford Escape was traveling eastbound at a high rate of speed on 38<sup>th</sup> St north of Mandan towards the Old Heskett Power Plant Stairway and Shore Fishing. Driver went over the railroad tracks preceding the parking area to the stairway and lost control of her

vehicle. Vehicle slid through a barbed wire fence sideways and off the cliff down towards the Missouri River. The vehicle dropped off the cliff approximately 50 feet while overturning on the way down. It came to rest upright on the shoreline next to the river facing south. Both juvenile females and one of the male juveniles were able to walk up the stairway. Both females were transported to CHI St. Aleius by ambulance for their injuries. One male was released to a parent on scene. The other male had to be extricated from the vehicle and carried up the stairway. He was transported to Sanford for his injuries. Vehicle was removed from the shoreline by a crane. Crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol. See below picture for reference of the location of crash.



(Heskett Power Plant Stairway in 2018)

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