

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | January 16, 2023

Fargo DUI Crash

What: Property crash
Where: Interstate 29 southbound, mile marker 67 (19th Avenue Interchange), Fargo
When: January 16, 2022 @ 1300 CT
Road Conditions: Ice/Snow covered, slick
Weather Conditions: Cloudy, snowing
Crash Involvement: Single Vehicle
Type of Crash: Rollover
Agencies Involved: NDHP, Fargo Fire Dept
Vehicle No. 1: 2004 Chevrolet Malibu
Driver No. 1: Esperanza Villegas Mata, female, 40; Fargo, ND; not injured
Charges: Driving Under the Influence of drugs

NARRATIVE: The 2004 Malibu was traveling southbound on Interstate 29 and was traveling too fast for icy/snow-covered road conditions at the time. The Malibu lost control, entered the median, and overturned onto its roof. The driver was not injured. Troopers tested the driver for impairment; the driver was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence of drugs.

The crash remains under investigation by the ND Highway Patrol. Photo is attached below.

The NDHP would like to remind motorists to always be prepared for changing conditions. Slow down, leave yourself adequate following distances, wear your seat belt, and drive sober. Headlights and taillights are also required by law when it is snowing, or when blowing snow does not render a person visible from 1000 feet ahead.

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