

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | April 22, 2024

CRASH ON GRANT MARSH BRIDGE/ROAD CLOSURE

What: Property Crash

Where: Grant Marsh Bridge, Bismarck

When: 8:15 CT

Road Conditions: Dry, good seasonal, construction zone

Weather Conditions: Clear, sunny

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle/Bridge Guardrail

Type of Crash: Construction barrel, Guard Rail, 3 vehicles received damage.

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol
Burleigh County Sheriff's Office
Bismarck Fire
Mandan Fire
Metro Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2013 Ford Expedition
Driver No. 1: Debra Gronlie-Andahl, 69 years old, Bismarck, not injured
Restraints: Seat belt in use, airbags deployed
Charges: Care required, under investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2024 Nissan Armada
Driver No. 2: Louis Martinez, 63 years, Houston, TX not injured
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: under investigation

Vehicle No. 3: 2013 Lincoln MKX (SUV)
Driver No. 2: Claire Schnaible, 21 years, Bismarck not injured
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: No driver's License, under investigation

NARRATIVE:

On April 22, 2024, at approximately 8:15 am a black 2013 Ford Expedition crashed and overturned on the Grant Marsh Bridge in the construction zone. The construction zone is a complete lane closure with two-way traffic in the eastbound lane.

The Expedition was traveling east across the bridge. A vehicle ahead of the Expedition slowed suddenly. The driver of the Expedition applied the brakes and steered to the right, striking the orange barrels protecting people from striking the bridge rail. Approximately 6 barrels were damaged. The Expedition also struck the bridge rail. The Expedition overturned onto its roof and slid on the roadway. It was struck from behind by an eastbound 2013 Lincoln SUV as it overturned. A 2024 Nissan Armada was in the oncoming lane and contacted the Expedition. There was minor damage to the Lincoln and the Nissan. All occupants were wearing seat belts. There were no injuries. The Expedition's airbags deployed. I-94 in both directions at the Grant Marsh Bridge was closed for approximately 1 hour, reopening at 9:15am.

The Highway Patrol would like to remind motorists to slow down, stay alert, and watch for workers – your caution ensures everyone's safety in construction zones. Please be mindful of your following distance.

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