

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | December 12, 2024

**UPDATE Fargo 4 Vehicle DUI Crash**

**What:** Property

**Where:** Interstate 94 MM 352 (City of Fargo).

**When:** December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:28 PM (Central Time).

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Cloudy

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rear end collision.

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Fargo Fire.

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2010 Lexus RX350

**Driver No. 1:** Benjamin Hannig-40-year-old male from Fargo, ND (Not injured).

**Restraints:** seatbelt.

**Charges:** DUI, Possession of THC, Possession of marijuana paraphernalia

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2019 Honda CRV

**Driver No. 2:** Lilly Schiller-18-year-old from Moorhead, MN (Not injured).

**Restraints:** seatbelt

**Charges:** no charges.

**Vehicle No. 3:** 2011 Dodge Caravan

**Driver No 3:** Shila Bentley-51-year-old female from Moorhead, MN (Not injured).

**Restraints:** seatbelt

**Charges:** no charges.

**Vehicle No. 4:** 2016 Dodge Ram

**Driver No. 4:** Jeffrey Illies- 35-year-old male from Glyndon, ND (Not Injured).

**Restraints:** seatbelt

**Charges:** no charges.

## **NARRATIVE:**

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at approximately 5:28 PM, a 4-vehicle property crash involving a DUI driver occurred on Interstate 94 eastbound near MM 352 in the city of Fargo.

Traffic was stop and go, due to rush hour congestion. A Honda CRV operated by (Schiller) was stopped in the right lane of Interstate 94 eastbound. A Dodge Carvan operated by (Bentley) was stopped in the middle lane of Interstate 94 eastbound. A Dodge Ram pickup operated by (Illies) was stopped in the left lane of Interstate 94.

A Lexus operated by (Hannig) merged onto Interstate 94 eastbound from the southbound University exit. (Hannig) accelerated to road speed, failing to see the stopped vehicles in front of him. (Hannig) collided with the Honda CRV in a rear-end style collision. This collision pushed the Honda CRV into the Dodge Caravan and pushed the Dodge Caravan into the Dodge Ram. No injuries resulted from the crash.

Traffic on Interstate-94 was impacted for approximately one hour while emergency crews, investigated the crash, and cleared the involved vehicles.

(Hannig) was arrested for DUI and was also charged with possession of THC products and marijuana paraphernalia.

This crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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