

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | February 13, 2024

Fargo Area multi-vehicle Injury Crash

What: Injury crash

Where: Interstate 94 eastbound, mile marker 352

When: February 13, 2024 @ 4:05 p.m. CT

Road Conditions: Good, dry

Weather Conditions: 36 degrees, cloudy

Crash Involvement: Three vehicle crash

Type of Crash: Rear-end

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Fargo Fire, Sanford Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2017 Honda CRV
Driver No. 1: Emily Larsen, 20 YOF; West Fargo, ND; no injuries
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: Care required

Vehicle No. 2: 2017 Honda CRV
Driver No. 1: Emily Bitz, 30 YOF; Fargo, ND; non-life-threatening injuries
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: None

Vehicle No. 3: 2013 Volkswagen Passat
Driver No. 2: Patricia Conteh, 42 YOF; Fargo, ND; no injuries
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: None

NARRATIVE: During normal afternoon heavy traffic, all three vehicles were eastbound on Interstate 94 between South University Drive and the Red River Bridge. The Volkswagen, driven by Conteh, and one of the Honda CRV's, driven by Bitz, were stopped in heavy traffic in the right-hand lane of the eastbound lanes. The second Honda CRV, driven by Larsen, rear-ended the first CRV, which was pushed into the Volkswagen. The involved vehicles and debris

from the crash blocked the eastbound lanes, stopping eastbound traffic. This caused traffic to back up for several miles for approximately 45 minutes. Fargo Fire assisted with traffic control and expedited removal of debris from the roadway to reopen all three lanes.

The crash remains under investigation by the ND Highway Patrol.

The NDHP would like to remind motorists of the importance of wearing seat belts and driving appropriately for all conditions present.

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