

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | July 28, 2024

**SERIOUS INJURY CRASH BY STERLING
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

What: Serious Injury Crash/Road Closure
Where: US83 mile marker 64 at the intersection of US83 and 5th Ave NE
When: 7:30 pm CT
Road Conditions: Seasonal, dry
Weather Conditions: 84 degrees, no wind reported
Crash Involvement: Off-highway motorcycle vs Semi
Type of Crash: Right angle
Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol
Burleigh County Sheriff's Department
Sterling Rural Fire and Rescue
Metro Ambulance
Sanford AirMed

Vehicle No. 1: Red 2016 Freightliner Truck, towing belly dump trailer
Driver No. 1: 34-year-old male, Devil's Lake, ND
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: Pending investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2008 Yamaha class 1 off-highway motorcycle
Driver No. 2: 21-year-old female, Sterling, ND
Restraints: Helmet in use
Charges: Pending investigation

Life-Threatening Injuries

NARRATIVE:

A 2008 Yamaha off-highway motorcycle ("dirt bike"), driven by a 21-year-old female, was traveling in the west ditch of US83 near 5th Ave NE, on the south side of Sterling. The driver

attempted to cross US83 to the east at 5th Ave NE. A 2016 Freightliner was traveling south on US83 loaded with gravel when the motorcycle entered the roadway. The semi was unable to stop when the motorcycle entered the southbound lane, striking the motorcycle on the left side. The female driver was airlifted by Sanford AirMed to Sanford in Bismarck with severe, life-threatening injuries. The female driver was wearing a helmet. The driver of the semi was not injured. This crash is currently under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

US Highway 83 will be closed on the south side of Sterling until the scene can be cleared. Motorists should plan for an alternative route.

The road is estimated to be reopened by 11:00pm CT on Sunday July 28th. A press release will be sent when the road is open.

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