

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | June 9, 2024

**Northbound I-29 MM 35 Four-Vehicle Injury Crash
*Updated Information***

What: Four-vehicle injury crash during a traffic back-up for an ambulance fire

Where: I-29 MM 35, northbound – 3 miles southeast of Colfax

When: June 8th, 2024 @ approximately 10:08 pm

Road, Weather & Light Conditions: Dry roads, clear, nighttime – not lighted

Type of Crash: Four-vehicle rear end collision

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Richland County SO, Colfax FD, Breckenridge-Wahpeton Ambulance, Kindred Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2015 BMW 335
Driver No. 1: Donald Lawuya, 28 YOA male, Fargo, ND - injured
Restraints: Restrained
Charges: DUI, DUI Refusal, DUS
Passenger No.1: Donya Eaya, 22 YOA female, Sioux Falls, SD – injured - restrained

Vehicle No. 2: 2020 Mazda CX-5
Driver No. 2: Jodi Erfle, 59 YOA female, West Fargo, ND - injured
Restraints: Unrestrained
Charges: None

Vehicle No. 3: 2023 Ford F150
Driver No. 3: Paul Schnaible, 66 YOA male, Sioux Falls, SD – uninjured
Restraints: Restrained
Charges: None
Passenger No. 1: Julie Schnaible, 64 YOA female, Sioux Falls, SD – injured
Passenger No. 2: Mary Severson, 91 YOA female, Fargo, ND - injured

Vehicle No. 4: 2022 Subaru Forester
Driver No. 4: Matthew Jorgenson, 62 YOA male, Fargo, ND - uninjured
Restraints: Restrained
Charges: None
Passenger No. 1: Lisa Jorgenson, 60 YOA female, Fargo, ND – uninjured - restrained
Passenger No 2: Susan Helms, 55 YOA female, Fargo, ND – injured - restrained

NARRATIVE:

This is a follow-up media release for a four-vehicle injury crash that occurred northbound on I-29 near MM 35 on June 8th, 2024 at approximately 10:08 pm during a traffic back-up caused by an ambulance fire that was occurring at MM 36 on northbound I-29.

The BMW operated by Lawuya was northbound on I-29 and approached stopped traffic on I-29. Lawuya failed to observe the stopped traffic and rear-ended the Mazda driven by Erfle.

The Mazda was pushed into the rear of the Ford F150 operated by Schnaible, which then rear-ended the Subaru operated by Jorgenson.

Donald Lawuya, Donya Eaya, Julie Schnaible, Susan Helms and Mary Severson were transported for non-life threatening injuries to Sanford Hospital in Fargo by Kindred and Breckenridge-Wahpeton Ambulance Services. Jodi Erfle suffered serious, life-threatening injuries and was transported to Sanford Hospital as well.

Lawuya was arrested at Sanford Hospital for DUI, DUI-Refusal and Driving Under Suspension.

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

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