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Multi-Vehicle Crash Causes Traffic Congestion

What: Five vehicle minor injury crash

Where: I-94 west bound exit ramp to 25th Street South (exit 350)

When: 5-29-2024

Road Conditions: Good, Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear, sunny

Crash Involvement: Multi-vehicle

Type of Crash: Side swipe and rear end

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Fargo Fire, Sanford Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2010 Ford Flex

Driver No. 1: Jesse Hoeper, male, 35, Fargo ND

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: Operation of Unsafe Vehicle

Injury: None

Vehicle No. 2: 2011 Hyundai Sonata

Driver No. 2: Ayan Hussein, female, 34, Moorhead MN

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: None

Injury: None

Vehicle No. 3: 2013 GMC Acadia

Driver No. 3: Brenda Carlson, 53, female, Barnesville MN

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: None

Injury: None

Vehicle No. 4: 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe

Driver No. 4: Shavo Dew-Steber, male, 20, Moorhead MN

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: None

Injury: Minor

Vehicle No. 5: 2016 Jeep Cherokee

Driver No. 5: Holly Heimark, female, 53, Detroit Lakes MN

Restraints: Seatbelt

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: On Wednesday, May 29 at 07:21 am, a multi-vehicle crash occurred at the top of the westbound exit ramp, at the intersection of I-94 and 25th Street South. There are three turn lanes at the top of the ramp, two left turn lanes, and one right turn lane. The Jeep Cherokee, driven by Holly Heimark; the Chevy Tahoe, driven by Shavo Dew-Steber; and the Hyundai Sonata, driven by Ayan Hussein, were stopped, in that order, at the red light in the right turn lane at the top of the ramp. The GMC Acadia, driven by Brenda Carlson, was stopped in the middle lane, which was a left turn lane. The Ford Flex, driven by Jesse Hoepfer, approached the stop light, failed to slow down, and took evasive action. The Ford Flex split the middle left turn lane and the right turn lane, side-swiping the Sonata on driver side and Acadia on the passenger side. The Ford Flex then rear-ended the Tahoe, pushing it forward and rear-ending the Cherokee.

The Ford was disabled in the right turn lane at the top of the ramp, which caused traffic to back up onto westbound I-94. The north and south bound lanes of 25th Street South were also backed up temporarily to clear the traffic on the exit ramp.

Due to uncorrected brake issues, Hoepfer received a citation for Operation of Unsafe Vehicle. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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