

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | April 16, 2025

**McLean County Fatal Crash UPDATE**

**What:** Two vehicle, fatal crash

**Where:** ND Highway 41, MM 43, north of Turtle Lake

**When:** Monday, April 14, 2025, at 9:54 PM (Central Time)

**Road Conditions:** Dry

**Weather Conditions:** Clear

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle / Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Head-on

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, McLean County Sheriff's Office, Turtle Lake Fire Department, Turtle Lake Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2001 Ford Taurus

**Driver No. 1:** Samantha Christiansen, 19, Turtle Lake, fatal injuries

**Restraints:** Unknown

**Charges:** Under investigation

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe

**Driver No. 2:** Larry Lee, 80, Velva, serious, non-life-threatening injuries

**Charges:** None

**Restraints:** Seatbelt unknown, airbag deployed

**Passenger No. 1:** Margie Lee, 82, Velva, minor injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt unknown, airbag deployed

**NARRATIVE:** On April 14 at approximately 9:54 PM, a Ford Taurus driven by Samantha Christiansen, was driving southbound on ND Hwy 41, mile marker 43 north of Turtle Lake and crossed over into the northbound lanes. The Taurus struck a Chevrolet Tahoe head-on in the northbound lane. Christiansen died of injuries. The driver of the Tahoe, Larry Lee, and passenger, Margie Lee, both sustained injuries and were taken to CHI St. Alexius Health-Turtle Lake. Larry Lee was life flighted to Trinity Health in Minot.

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



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