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## NDHP ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

**NARRATIVE:** Colonel Daniel Haugen announces five promotions and assignments of nine Troopers who have successfully completed field training.

The promotions are **Sgt. Jenna Clawson Huibregtse**, **Sgt. Matthew Johnson** and **Sgt. Matthew Denault** to lieutenant, and **Trooper Nathan Boll** and **Trooper Tanner Smith** to sergeant.

**Lt. Jenna Clawson Huibregtse** joined the Highway Patrol in May 2015 and served as a traffic trooper in New Salem, she served as the agency's first cultural liaison officer from 2018-2021 and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and operated as the agency's Planning Officer from 2021-2023. From 2023 to March 2024, she has been the Safety and Education and Public Information Officer. As lieutenant, she will serve as the Safety and Education Commander, effective March 17, 2025. Lt. Clawson Huibregtse earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from Minnesota State University, Moorhead and a master's degree in Cultural Anthropology from North Dakota State University.

**Lt. Matthew Johnson** attended the Highway Patrol Academy from January through March 2014 and was initially stationed in Williston as a motor carrier enforcement trooper. He transferred to traffic enforcement in 2017 and remained in Williston. He was promoted to sergeant on May 1, 2019, and transferred to Grand Forks. Effective March 17, he will serve as the Northwest regional commander, stationed in Minot. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in religious studies from Concordia College and a Master of Clinical Psychology from Argosy University in 2011.

**Lt. Matthew Denault** attended the Highway Patrol Academy from May through October 2003 and was stationed in Dickinson as a motor carrier enforcement trooper beginning October 25, 2003. In November 2004, he transferred to Grand Forks where he was stationed until July 2014, working as both a traffic enforcement trooper and motor carrier trooper during that time. In July 2014, he transferred to Fargo to work as a traffic enforcement trooper and was promoted to sergeant on August 1, 2014. He served in Williston until April 2015 and then transferred back to Fargo. On January 24, 2022, he became the sergeant for the criminal interdiction team. As of March 17, Lt. Denault will serve as Special Operations Commander, serving at headquarters in Bismarck. Denault earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of North Dakota in 1998.

**Sgt. Nathan Boll** attended the Highway Patrol Academy from January through June 2018. He was initially stationed in Cavalier as a traffic enforcement trooper until he transferred to Valley City in August 2018. On August 1, 2021, he joined the Criminal Interdiction Team, based out of Fargo. Boll has been a K9 handler since 2020 and became the K9 program coordinator in November 2024. Effective April 1, Boll serves as the Eastern Sergeant of the Criminal Interdiction Team, stationed in Fargo. Boll earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics from the University of North Dakota.

**Sgt. Tanner Smith** attended the Highway Patrol Academy from January through June 2020. He was stationed in Grafton as a traffic enforcement trooper where he remained until July 2022 when he transferred to Grand Forks. Effective March 17, Smith will serve as a Northeast Regional Sergeant in Grand Forks. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Communications from the University of Jamestown in 2019.

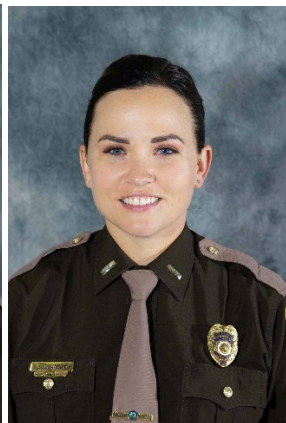
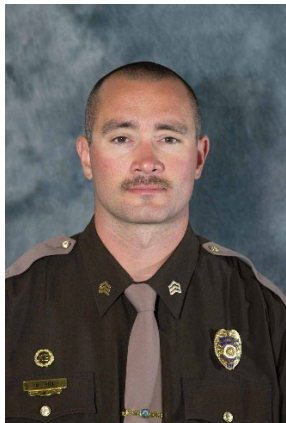
The following nine Troopers attended and graduated from the Highway Patrol academy in 2024 and have successfully completed field training and have been assigned to post locations throughout the state.

- **Trooper Dawson Brost** is originally from Wolf Point, MT and moved to Dickinson as a child. Prior to joining the NDHP, he served in the US Marine Corps as a Motor Transport Mechanic, Burleigh County Sheriff's Office; and ND Livestock Association as an investigator. Brost is serving in Williston.
- **Trooper Warden Dahlgren** grew up in Edgeley, he graduated from the University of Minnesota-Crookston where he studied Criminal Justice and Communications. Prior to joining the NDHP, he worked in the retail section. Dahlgren serves the Northwest region and is stationed in Williston.
- **Trooper Jorge Elizondo** is from Laredo Texas, he graduated from the American Military University and studied public health. Prior to joining the NDHP, he served as a police officer. Elizondo serves the Northeast region and is stationed in Hillsboro.
- **Trooper Joshua Fastnacht** grew up in Ellendale and graduated from Lake Region State College with a degree in law enforcement. Prior to joining the NDHP, he worked at the LaMoure County Sheriff's Office. Trooper Fastnacht is stationed in Jamestown, serving the Southeast region.
- **Trooper Alekzander Harvey** is from Muscatine, Iowa. He graduated from Western Illinois University with a degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. Prior to joining the NDHP, Harvey was a Deputy with Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office. Trooper Harvey serves the Northeast region and is stationed in Grafton.
- **Trooper Shane Rothenberger** is from Grand Forks. He graduated from Lake Region State College where I studied Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Rothenberger was a Deputy Sheriff prior to joining the NDHP. He serves the Northeast region and is stationed in Rugby.
- **Trooper Casey Visocsky** grew up in Minot, he studied Criminal Justice at Lake Region State College and University of Wisconsin, Superior. He previously worked in law enforcement with the city of Surrey and Ward County Sheriff's Office. He is a Criminal Interdiction Trooper, stationed in Minot.
- **Trooper Jacob Walker** is from Fosston, Minnesota and worked with the Polk County Sheriff's Office prior to joining the NDHP. Walker serves the Southeast region and is stationed in Wahpeton.
- **Trooper Tucker Williams** grew up in Grand Forks. He graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in Public Affairs and worked at the North Dakota Tax Department in Motor Fuels prior to joining the NDHP. Williams serves the Northwest region and is stationed in Watford City.

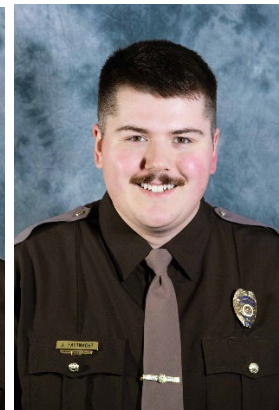
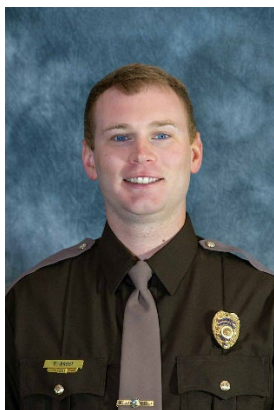
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