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Barnes County Fatal Crash UPDATE

What: Fatality/Serious Injury

Where: I94 mile marker 298

When: August 20, 2025 at 5:55 p.m. Central Time

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Good

Crash Involvement: Motorcycle

Type of Crash: Left roadway

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Barnes County Sheriff's Office, Valley City Police Department, Barnes County Ambulance, Barnes County Fire, Sanford AirMed

Vehicle No. 1: 2005 Harley Davidson

Driver No. 1: Dale Kuperus, 66, Paynesville, MN, fatality

Restraints: No helmet

Passenger No. 1: Brittany Layne, 39, Paynesville, MN, injured

Restraints: No helmet

NARRATIVE: On August 20, 2025, at approximately 5:55 p.m., a 2005 Harley-Davidson motorcycle driven by Dale Kuperus, was traveling westbound on I-94 in Barnes County when he lost control. The motorcycle left the roadway and continued into the median. Kuperus was not wearing a helmet and sustained fatal injuries. The passenger, Brittany Layne, was not wearing a helmet, suffered injuries, and was transported for medical treatment.

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



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