

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | August 28, 2025

KIDDER COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

What: Fatal Crash

Where: I-94 (eastbound), MM 196, near Steele

When: Thursday, August 28, 2025; 6:40 AM, Central Time

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Foggy

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear-end

Agencies Involved: NDHP; Kidder Ambulance; Kidder County Sheriff's Office; North Dakota Game and Fish; Steele Fire Department; Metro Area Ambulance; NDDOT

Vehicle No. 1: 2012 Nissan Versa

Driver No. 1: Malachi Stein, 20, Bismarck, fatal injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt not in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2023 Subaru Crosstrek

Driver No. 1: Scott Johnson, 63, New Meadows, ID, life-threatening injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

NARRATIVE: On Thursday, August 28 at 6:40 AM, on I-94 near mile marker 196 eastbound, a 2012 Nissan Versa driven by Malachi Stein, was traveling in the passing lane at a high rate of speed when it struck the rear of a 2023 Subaru Crosstrek. Stein died at the scene. The driver of the Crosstrek, Scott Johnson, was transported by ambulance to a local hospital with life threatening injuries.

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



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