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BARNES COUNTY PEDESTRIAN FATAL CRASH

What: Hit and Run Pedestrian Fatal Crash

Where: I-94, MM 282 (eastbound), approximately 8 miles west of Valley City

When: Sunday, December 21, 2025; after midnight, exact time is undetermined

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Dry

Crash Involvement: Under investigation

Type of Crash: Hit and run

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Barnes County Sheriff's Office, Barnes County Coroner

Vehicle No. 1: Under Investigation

Pedestrian: Male, 27, residence unknown

NARRATIVE: On Saturday, December 20, 2025, dispatch received multiple 911 calls reporting a pedestrian walking along Interstate 94. Law enforcement made contact with the man and he declined assistance. Additional calls continued to be received throughout the evening, with the last report to dispatch occurring at approximately 10:55 p.m.

On Sunday, December 21, 2025, at approximately 2:30 p.m., a passerby observed a body in the ditch and called 911. The North Dakota Highway Patrol and the Barnes County Sheriff's Office responded and observed pieces of a vehicle consistent with a hit-and-run and located the pedestrian deceased in the same area.

The hit-and-run vehicle has not been identified or located. The NDHP is asking for the public's assistance looking for a vehicle with new damage that would have been in the area during the

late-night hours of Saturday, December 20, 2025, or the early morning hours of Sunday, December 21, 2025. A large portion of a vehicle's bug deflector was found damaged and left at the scene. There may also be damage to the front and/or passenger side.

If you have information related to this incident, please contact the North Dakota Highway Patrol at 701-328-2447 or via email: ndhpsafetyedu@nd.gov.

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

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Contact information: Lt. Jenna Clawson Huibregtse, ndhpsafetyedu@nd.gov, 701-328-2447

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