

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | January 17, 2025

UPDATE: Ramsey County US Highway 2 Single Vehicle Injury Crash

What: Injury

Where: US Highway 2, near mile marker 273; approximately 3 miles east of Devils Lake

When: January 16, 2025; at approximately 10:26 AM CST

Road Conditions: Frosted over, slick

Weather Conditions: Overcast

Crash Involvement: Single vehicle

Type of Crash: Ran off roadway

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, Devils Lake Fire Department, and Lake Region Ambulance Service

Vehicle No. 1: 2002 Ford Ranger

Driver No. 1: John Mercer; Male; 86 years old; Lakota, ND; minor injuries

Restraints: Not restrained; airbags deployed

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: The Ford was westbound on US Highway 2, en route from Lakota to Devils Lake. For an unknown reason, the vehicle left the roadway, entered the north ditch, and continued into a tree row, striking several trees prior to coming to rest within the tree row. The driver was transported by ambulance to CHI St. Alexius Hospital in Devils Lake and airlifted to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks due to injuries sustained.

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

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