

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

STARK COUNTY FATAL CRASH

What: Fatal Rear-End Crash

Where: I-94, MM 80, between Gladstone and Richardton

When: 7:50 PM, Mountain Time

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear, dark

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear-end Crash

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Stark County Sheriff's Office, Dickinson Police Department, Richardton Ambulance, Taylor Fire Department, Dickinson Rescue

Vehicle No. 1: 2013 Kia Optima

Driver No. 1: Male, 30, Dickinson, serious injury

Restraints: Under investigation

Charges: Under investigation

Passenger No. 1: Male, 34, restraints use under investigation, serious injury

Passenger No. 2: Female, 31, restraints use under investigation, serious injury

Passenger No. 3: Female, 33, restraints use under investigation, fatal injury

Passengers No. 4-7: Juveniles 4,6,6,8, restraint use under investigation, three with serious injuries

Vehicle No. 2: 2025 Freightliner

Driver No. 2: Male, 50, Odessa Texas, not injured

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Charges: Under investigation

NARRATIVE: On Monday, January 27, 2025, at approximately 7:50 PM, Mountain Time, a 2013 Kia Optima with eight occupants was rear-ended by a 2025 Freightliner semi on I-94 near mile marker 80 in the westbound right lane. The Kia's driver was in the process of slowing down during the collision. The crash is under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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