

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | July 27, 2025

McHenry County Two-Vehicle Injury Crash UPDATE

What: Injury

Where: Intersection of US Highway 2 and ND State Highway 41

When: July 25, 2025 at 12:00 a.m. CST

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Good/Night

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs Vehicle

Type of Crash: T-bone

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, McHenry County Sheriff's office, Velva Fire, Velva Ambulance, Community Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2009 Hyundai Santa Fe

Driver No. 1: DeJa Silva, 20, Minot, Serious injuries

Restraints: No seatbelt worn

Charges: Criminal Vehicular Injury – C Felony

Passenger No. 1: Andrew Smith, 20, Minot, Serious injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt worn

Vehicle No. 2: 2022 Chevrolet Equinox

Driver No. 2: Jayden Decoteau, 19, Belcourt, Minor injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt worn

Charges: None

Passenger No. 1 (Vehicle 2): Male, 17 (juvenile – name will not be released), Belcourt, Serious Injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt worn

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NARRATIVE: On July 25, 2025, at approximately 12:00 a.m., a two-vehicle injury crash occurred at the intersection of US Highway 2 and North Dakota State Highway 41. The intersection is controlled by a stop sign for traffic traveling on Highway 41. A Hyundai Santa Fe driven by DeJa Silva was traveling northbound on ND Highway 41 when the driver failed to stop at the posted stop sign and entered the intersection directly in front of an eastbound Chevrolet Equinox on US Highway 2. The Equinox, driven by Jayden Decoteau, struck the Santa Fe in a T-bone style collision. Decoteau sustained minor injuries and was treated on scene. The juvenile passenger of the Equinox and both Silva and passenger Andrew Smith sustained serious injuries and were transported to Trinity Health in Minot for treatment. Silva was arrested for criminal vehicular injury.

The name of the juvenile will not be released. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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