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Trail County Motorcycle Pursuit and Serious Injury Crash UPDATE

What: Injury

Where: Traill County Highway 81; approximately 5 miles south of Hillsboro

When: May 31, 2025; at approximately 9:28 PM CDT

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Motorcycle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Traill County Sheriff's Office, Hillsboro Fire Department, and Hillsboro Ambulance Service

Vehicle No. 1: 2025 Kawasaki Motorcycle

Driver No. 1: Joshua St. Claire; 19 years old; Gardner, ND; serious injuries

Restraints: Helmet worn

Charges: Fleeing a police officer (Misdemeanor-Class A);
Reckless endangerment-extreme indifference (Felony-Class C)

NARRATIVE: The Kawasaki motorcycle was called in as a reckless driver while southbound on Interstate 29, near the Mayville exit. Troopers responded, attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the motorcycle, but the driver failed to comply, instead continuing southbound at a high rate of speed. The motorcycle exited Interstate 29, headed eastbound on ND Highway 200A, then southbound on Traill County Highway 81. The motorcycle failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway, entered the west ditch, overturned a number of times, and came to rest in the ditch where the driver was ejected. NDHP personnel on scene rendered medical aid. The driver, Joshua St. Claire, was transported by ambulance, then life flighted to a local hospital.

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

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