

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE May 6, 2025

GRAND FORKS COUNTY FATAL CRASH

What: Fatal Crash

Where: Northbound I-29, 2.5 miles north of Thompson

When: 05/05/2025, approximately 1:05 PM

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Sunny

Crash Involvement: Two-vehicle

Type of Crash: Head-on

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office, Thompson Fire & Rescue,

Altru Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2015 Chevrolet Traverse Driver No. 1: Female, 83, Aneta, ND (deceased) Restraints: Seatbelt not in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2018 GMC SierraDriver No. 2: Male, 42, Grand Forks (serious injuries)Restraints: Seatbelt in use, air bags deployed

NARRATIVE: Vehicle 1 was traveling the wrong way on I-29, southbound in the northbound lanes. Vehicle 2 was traveling north on I-29. Vehicle 1 and vehicle 2 collided head-on in the northbound lanes.

Driver of Vehicle 1 died on scene. The driver of Vehicle 2 was transported by ambulance to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks with serious injuries. The northbound lanes of I-29 were closed for approximately 2 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared. The crash remains under investigation by the ND Highway Patrol.

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