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## **Southeast Region Pursuit-Multiple Jurisdictions**

**What:** Pursuit

**Where:** I-94 MM 186

**When:** September 2, 2025, at 1:05 a.m. Central Time

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Richland County Sheriff's Office, Cass County Sheriff's Office, Fargo Police Department

**Vehicle No. 1:** 1995 Cadillac Seville

**Driver No. 1:** Christopher Pankowski, 42, West Fargo

**Charges:**

- Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia: Misdemeanor Class A
- Driving under suspension: Misdemeanor Class B
- DUI-Drugs: Misdemeanor Class B
- Unlawful display of license plates: Misdemeanor Class B
- DUI refusal-1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Misdemeanor Class B
- Fleeing a Peace Officer: Felony Class C
- Reckless endangerment, extreme indifference: Felony Class C
- Outstanding felony warrant- Cass County

**NARRATIVE:** On Tuesday, September 2 at approximately 1:05 AM, a North Dakota Highway Patrol Trooper was traveling northbound on I-29 near mile marker 56 and observed a southbound vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed near the Horace exit. A Cass County Sheriff's Deputy was in active pursuit. Cass County advised the white Cadillac was traveling at 118 mph as the vehicle entered Richland County. NDHP took over the pursuit and Richland County deputies set up spike strips at the Wahpeton exit but the vehicle exited prior to the exit.

The pursuit was re-initiated when a Richland County SO deputy located a white Cadillac passenger car near mile marker 30 that was traveling at a high speed and driving recklessly. A traffic stop was initiated but the vehicle fled northbound on I-29. The NDHP deployed spike strips at mile marker 52, successfully spiking the front passenger side tire.

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An additional NDHP Trooper was stationed at mile marker 54 and the Cadillac passed his location traveling at 100+ mph. The Cadillac took the 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue eastbound exit at 100 mph and travelled east into Fargo, accelerating at a high speed. Due to safety concerns, the NDHP terminated the pursuit.

Fargo Police Department located the vehicle on University Avenue and followed the Cadillac to an apartment complex at 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Fargo where the driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Fargo PD located the male driver and took him into custody.

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

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