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KIDDER COUNTY INJURY CRASH UPDATE

Update February 19, 2026:

Driver No. 1: Manfredo Padilla, 38, Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, injured

Driver No. 2: Michael Sailer, 50, Sayner, Wisconsin, injured

What: Injury

Where: I-94 mile marker 212 westbound, near Dawson

When: February 18, 2026 at 3:23 p.m.

Road Conditions: Ice-covered and blowing snow

Weather Conditions: Blowing snow

Crash Involvement: CMV/Vehicle

Type of Crash: Head-on

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Kidder County Sheriff's Office, North Dakota Department of Transportation, Kidder County Ambulance, Tappen Fire Department, Dawson Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2019 Freightliner straight truck

Driver No. 1: Male, 38, Pennsylvania, injured

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Charges: Under investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2024 Ford F-Series

Driver No. 2: Male, 50, Wisconsin, injured

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Charges: Under investigation

NARRATIVE: On February 18, 2026, at 3:23 p.m., a two-vehicle head-on crash occurred on I-94 near mile marker 212 in the westbound lanes. A Freightliner straight truck was traveling

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eastbound when it lost control on icy roads, crossed the median, and entered the westbound lanes. The Freightliner then struck a 2024 Ford pickup head-on.

Both drivers were transported by Kidder County Ambulance Service to CHI St. Alexius and Sanford Medical Center in Bismarck for treatment of injuries.

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

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