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FARGO SERIOUS INJURY CRASH UPDATE

What: Injury Crash

Where: 45th Street South and 40th Avenue South, Fargo

When: Sunday, January 18, 2026, at 6:41 a.m. Central Time

Road Conditions: Scattered snow

Weather Conditions: Blowing snow

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs vehicle

Type of Crash: T-bone

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Fargo Police Department, Fargo Fire, Sanford Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2016 Honda Pilot

Driver No. 1: William Wah, 40, Fargo, not injured

Restraints: Under investigation

Charges: Under investigation

Passenger No. 1: Miatta Hill 28, Fargo, serious injuries

Restraints: No seatbelt in use

Passenger No. 2: Infant, 5 months, Fargo, serious injuries

Restraints: No child restraint in use

Vehicle No. 2: 2012 Chevrolet Impala

Driver No. 2: Shelby Schmalz, 24, Fargo, serious injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt in use

Charges: Under investigation

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NARRATIVE: On Sunday, January 18, 2026, at approximately 6:41 a.m., a Honda Pilot driven by William Wah was traveling from a residence in south Fargo toward Sanford Hospital. While traveling northbound, the Honda Pilot entered the intersection and struck a Chevrolet Impala driven by Shelby Schmalz.

Two passengers, Miatta Hill and an infant, were seated in the back seat of the Honda Pilot were unrestrained at the time of the crash and sustained serious injuries. Both were transported by ambulance to Sanford Hospital. Schmalz sustained serious injuries and was transported by ambulance to Sanford Hospital. Wah was not injured.

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

Contact information: Lt. Jenna Clawson Huibregtse, ndhpsafetyedu@nd.gov, 701-328-2447

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