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**JAMESTOWN PEDESTRIAN FATALITY CRASH UPDATE**

**What:** Pedestrian Fatality

**Where:** 4<sup>th</sup> Street Northeast and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jamestown

**When:** January 21, 2026; at 4:35 p.m. Central Time

**Road Conditions:** Ice covered

**Weather Conditions:** Dry/seasonal

**Crash Involvement:** Commercial motor vehicle/pedestrian

**Type of Crash:** Non-collision

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Jamestown Police Department, Stutsman County Sheriff's Department, Jamestown Ambulance, Jamestown Fire Department

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2003 International semi pulling side dump trailer

**Driver No. 1:** Christopher Lepp, 36, Lehr, not injured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt in use

**Charges:** Under investigation

**Pedestrian:** Juvenile (identity will not be released)

**Hometown:** Jamestown

**Gender/Age:** Male, 16

**Injury:** Fatal

**NARRATIVE:** On January 21, 2026, at approximately 4:35 p.m., Christopher Lepp was driving a 2003 International semi-truck pulling a trailer, and was turning west onto 4th Street Northeast from southbound 5th Avenue Northeast. During the turn, a pedestrian, who was walking south across 4th Street Northeast, was struck by the vehicle and sustained fatal injuries.

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



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