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JAMESTOWN PEDESTRIAN FATALITY CRASH UPDATE

What: Pedestrian Fatality

Where: 4th Street Northeast and 5th 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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