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## **FARGO SERIOUS INJURY CRASH UPDATE 2**

**What:** Injury Crash

**Where:** 45<sup>th</sup> Street South and 40<sup>th</sup> 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, fatal 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 infant died at the hospital on January 18, the name will not be released. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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