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Motor Vehicle / Bicycle Injury Crash

What: Injury

Where: US Highway 2 Eastbound @ Mile Marker 244.10 - 4.5 Miles East of Leeds, ND

When: August 20, 2019, @ 12:17 P.M.

Road Conditions: Good, Dry

Weather Conditions: Sunny

Crash Involvement: Motor Vehicle / Bicycle

Type of Crash: Rear-end

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Benson County Sheriff Department, Leeds Ambulance, Leeds Rural Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2001 Chrysler 300
Driver No. 1: James Tuman; Male; 29; Perham, ND; Uninjured
Restraints: Seatbelt
Charges: Failure to maintain control of motor vehicle while distracted

Bicyclist: Jeffrey Klein; Helmet Worn; Injured
Hometown: Boston, MA
Gender/Age: Male; 40
Injury: Non-life-threatening Injuries

NARRATIVE: Tuman, Klein, and two other cyclists were all traveling eastbound on US Highway 2. Klein was occupying the right lane of traffic closest to the south ditch. The two other cyclists traveling with Klein were traveling outside of the traffic lane. Tuman was in the act of making a telephone call on his cellular telephone and failed to observe Klein occupying the right lane. Tuman struck Klein resulting in rear-end collision. No evasive action was taken by either party. Klein was transported by ambulance to CHI Saint Alexius Hospital in Devils Lake for injuries sustained in the crash.



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

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