

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 13, 2019

NDHP Patrol Vehicle Struck

What: Three vehicle property crash

Where: I-94 MM 343 westbound on the Sheyenne Diversion bridge

When: December 13th, 2019 at approximately 7:15 pm

Road Conditions: Ice covered roadway

Weather Conditions: Blowing snow

Crash Involvement: Three vehicle crash

Type of Crash: Rear end collision

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Cass SO, West Fargo FD, West Fargo Rural FD, FM Ambulance,

NDDOT

Vehicle No. 1:	2008 Saturn Aura
Driver No. 1:	Al Brownell, 30 YOA male, Fargo, ND
Restraints:	Seat belted and air bag deployed
Charges:	Cass SO investigating the crash
Vehicle No. 2: Driver No. 2: Restraints: n/a Charges: n/a	2016 Dodge Charger NDHP Patrol Vehicle Trooper was outside the vehicle at time of crash

Vehicle No. 3:	2017 Subaru Crosstrek
Driver No. 3:	No driver present at time of crash
Restraints: n/a	
Charges: n/a	



NARRATIVE:

A NDHP Trooper was investigating a minor injury crash on I-94 on the Sheyenne Diversion bridge, westbound near MM 343. While investigating this crash, that involved two vehicles partially blocking the westbound roadway, the trooper's vehicle was struck.

The NDHP Dodge Charger was parked in the westbound driving lane with emergency lights activated. The trooper was outside the vehicle when his vehicle was rear ended by the Saturn. The trooper observed the Saturn approaching and was able to get out of the way before he was struck.

The force of the collision of the Saturn with the Dodge patrol vehicle pushed the Dodge into the Subaru, which was parked in front of the Dodge.

The driver of the Saturn was not injured. He was seat belted and his air bags deployed. The Dodge and Subaru were both unoccupied at the time of the crash.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office is investigating the crash involving the NDHP patrol vehicle. Please contact them for enforcement taken as a result of their investigation.

Below are two pictures of the damaged patrol vehicle.

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