

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | November 8, 2019

### **3 Vehicle Crash involving Highway Patrol Vehicle**

**What:** Suspected injury to trooper

**Where:** I-29 MM 161 near 161 exit bridge

**When:** 16:58 PM on November 8, 2019

**Road Conditions:** Ice covered

**Weather Conditions:** Some rain

**Crash Involvement:** Car V HP car, Car V HP car (HP Car was struck twice)

**Type of Crash:** 1<sup>st</sup> was sideswipe, 2<sup>nd</sup> was rear end

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Walsh County Sheriff's Office

**Vehicle No. 1:** 1995 Nissan Altima

**Driver No. 1:** Jacob Bakke, 34 yo, Kennedy, MN

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Charges:** none.

**Vehicle No. 2:** 1997 Honda CRV

**Driver No. 2:** Will identify later.

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Charges:** None

**Passenger No. 1:** Juvenile

**Restraints:** carseat

**Passenger No. 2:** Juvenile

**Restraints:** carseat

**Vehicle No. 3:** 2016 Dodge Charger Police

**Driver No. 3:** NDHP Trooper

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** A NDHP Trooper was in route to a call for a crash near MM 161 on I-29. At this point the Trooper's vehicles emergency red and blue lights and arrow board was turned on when he arrived on scene as he arrived. When the Trooper arrived on scene, a driver of the Nissan Altima lost control due to ice on the overpass deck and sideswiped the Trooper's patrol car on the left side and front. The Trooper was then struck in the rear left by the driver of the Honda CRV only seconds later. Walsh County Sheriff's Office will be investigating both crashes involving the vehicles striking the Trooper's patrol car. The Trooper was brought to Altru and released with minor bruising. No other injuries were reported by the drivers and passengers of the other vehicles.

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