

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE November 11, 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: 1st was sideswipe, 2nd was rear end

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Walsh County Sheriff's Office

Vehicle No. 1:1995 Nissan AltimaDriver No. 1:Jacob Bakke, 34 yo, Kennedy, MNRestraints:SeatbeltCharges:none.

Vehicle No. 2: 1997 Honda CRVDriver No. 2: Whitney Quast, 30 f, Grand Forks, NDRestraints: SeatbeltCharges: None

Passenger No. 1: Rowan Quast, Northwest Angle Inlet, MN Restraints: carseat

Passenger No. 2: Brinley Quast, Northwest Angle Inlet, MN **Restraints:** carseat

Vehicle No. 3:2016 Dodge Charger PoliceDriver No. 3:Trooper Ryan Mugan

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Restraints: Seatbelt **Charges:** None

NARRATIVE: Trooper Mugan 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 Trooper Mugan arrived on scene, Jacob Bakke, the 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. Trooper Mugan's vehicle was then struck in the rear left by the Whitney Quast, 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. Trooper Mugan 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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