

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | November 20, 2024

## **North Dakota Highway Patrol Vehicle Struck**

**What:** Injury Crash

**Where:** I-29 south bound mm 61, Fargo ND

**When:** 11-20-2024 at 6:56 AM Central

**Road Conditions:** Snow/Ice covered

**Weather Conditions:** Light Snow

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle vs Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rear End

**Agencies Involved:** Cass County Sheriff's Office, North Dakota Highway Patrol

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2010 Chevrolet Traverse

**Driver No. 1:** Stephane Kayee, Male, 31, Fargo, not injured

**Restraints:** Seat Belt

**Charges:** Failed to yield to an emergency vehicle, no insurance

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe marked Highway Patrol Vehicle

**Driver No. 2:** North Dakota State Trooper, minor injuries

**Restraints:** Seat Belt

**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** The 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe was parked in lane 1 (left lane) with its overhead amber emergency lights activated. The Tahoe was running traffic control for a tow operator that was removing a vehicle from the median. While running traffic control the Tahoe was struck from behind by a Chevrolet Traverse. The Tahoe was pushed into the lane 2 (right) and the Traverse entered the median.

Both vehicles needed to be towed due to disabling damage. The State Trooper was transported to a local medical facility via another State Trooper for minor injuries.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office is investigating the crash.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol would like to take this opportunity to notify drivers to plan on taking extra time to get to your destination when there is snow and icy conditions. Remember to buckle up, reduce your speed and increase your following distance. The speed limits were designed for when roads are in good driving conditions.

North Dakota has a move over law for emergency vehicles (police, fire, ambulance, DOT and tow operators). A driver needs to proceed with caution, yield by moving to a lane not adjacent to the emergency vehicle or if not able to due to safety and traffic conditions, the driver shall proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle, and maintain a safe speed for the road conditions.

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