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## **Two Vehicle Injury Crash – August 19<sup>th</sup> – I-29 MM 96**

**What:** Two-vehicle injury crash

**Where:** I-29 southbound near MM 96, about 4 miles north of Grandin

**When:** August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ approximately 6:44 pm

**Road, Weather & Light Conditions:** Dry roads, clear skies

**Type of Crash:** Passenger car rear ended a motorcycle

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Traill County SO, Grandin FD, Sanford Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2006 Hyundai Sonata

**Driver No. 1:** Steel Erickson, 18 YOA, Rosholt, SD – no injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt worn

**Charges:** Distracted Driving

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2013 Suzuki motorcycle

**Driver No. 2:** Jayme Frank, 51 YOA, Fargo, ND – serious, non-life-threatening injuries

**Restraints:** No helmet worn

**Charges:** None

### **NARRATIVE:**

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at approximately 6:44 pm, a two vehicle injury crash occurred southbound on I-29 near MM 96, about four miles north of Grandin.

A 2013 Suzuki motorcycle driven by Frank was southbound on I-29 in lane two. Erickson was driving the Hyundai behind Frank in lane two when Erickson became distracted in his vehicle. Erickson took his attention away from the road and rear-ended Frank.

The collision caused Frank to separate from his motorcycle and vault over the top of the Hyundai onto the roadway.

After the collision, Frank came to rest on the grass outside shoulder of southbound I-29, and his motorcycle came to rest in the west ditch. Erickson came to stop on the outside shoulder.

Frank was transported to Sanford Hospital in Fargo by Sanford Ambulance for serious, non-life-threatening injuries.

Erickson was cited for distracted driving. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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