

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | September 15, 2024

Ransom County Injury Motorcycle Crash

What: Injury

Where: 6300 block of 119th Ave SE (5 miles southwest of Fort Ransom).

When: September 15th, 2024, at 3:21 PM central time.

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Sunny

Crash Involvement: Vehicle

Type of Crash: None Collision

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Ransom County Sheriff's Department, Fort Ransom Fire and First Medic Ambulance.

Vehicle No. 1: 2000 Honda Shadow

Driver No. 1: Monte Dean Rodacker-63-year-old male from Jamestown, ND- serious injury

Restraints: no helmet

Charges: no charges

NARRATIVE: On September 15th, 2024, at approximately 3:21 PM a motorcycle crash with serious injuries occurred on the 6300 block of 119th Ave southeast in Ransom County, approximately 5 miles southwest of Fort Ransom, ND.

A group of approximately 300 motorcycles were traveling northbound together on 119th Ave southeast towards Fort Ransom, ND as part of a September 11th tribute run that had started in Jamestown, ND.

A Honda Shadow operated by (Monte Rodacker) was traveling in the middle of this group. A group of motorcycles including a trike style motorcycle passed Rodacker at a high rate of speed. Once in front of Rodacker, this same group rapidly deployed their brakes as they tried to negotiate a curve on the roadway.

Rodacker was forced to initiate an abrupt brake deployment to avoid a collision with the motorcycles that had just passed him. Rodacker was thrown from his motorcycle, onto the roadway.

Rodacker sustained serious injuries as a result of this crash, and was transported via ambulance to Lisbon, ND prior to being life-flighted to Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol is asking for assistance from any motorcycle riders that were participating in the September 11th memorial run, that may have observed the crash that occurred regarding Rodacker. Specifically, the identity of who was operating the trike motorcycle that passed Rodacker.

Anyone with information should contact the North Dakota Highway Patrol during normal business hours at 701-328-2447 and after business hours at 701-328-9921 attention North Dakota Highway Patrol Sgt. Andrew Cashin.

This crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

For more information, contact:

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