

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE August 29, 2020

Valley City Serious Injury Crash

What: Serious Injury

Where: Interstate 94 mm 291 Valley City, ND

When: 08/29/2020 at 4:45 PM

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Sunny

Crash Involvement: One vehicle: motorcycle

Type of Crash: Ran off roadway

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Barnes County Sheriff's Department, Valley

City Police Department, Valley City Ambulance, Valley City Fire Department, and Avera

Careflight.

Vehicle No. 1: 2016 Harley Davidson Softail

Driver No. 1: Melisa Banish, 42 year old female, Fargo, ND, serious

Restraints: No helmet **Charges:** Under investigation

NARRATIVE: The Harley Davidson was traveling eastbound on Interstate 94 in the left lane. **Banish** was traveling down hill on a curve and failed to negotiate the curve. The Harley Davidson ran off the roadway into the median of Interstate 94 causing it to overturn. **Banish** and Harley Davidson came to rest in the median of Interstate 94. **Banish** was transported to CHI Mercy Health in Valley City by Valley City Ambulance. Avera Careflight of Aberdeen, SD transported **Banish** to Sanford Hospital in Fargo to be treated for her injuries sustained in the crash. The crash is under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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