

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | September 8, 2021

## **North Dakota Highway Patrol Officer Involved Shooting**

### **NARRATIVE:**

On the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 7, at approximately 8:18 p.m., a North Dakota Highway Patrol trooper was assisting Morton County Sheriff's Office deputies in a pursuit of a vehicle traveling east on Interstate 94 near mile marker 139 or approximately 13 miles west of Mandan. The pursuit originated from a reckless driver call. When the pursuit ended, the trooper fired his duty weapon resulting in the death of the vehicle's lone occupant, a 45-year-old Billings, Montana, man. A firearm was recovered from the vehicle.

The incident is under investigation by the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). The trooper has been placed on administrative leave pending the investigation by BCI and review by the Morton County State's Attorney, which is standard practice and department policy following an officer involved shooting.

North Dakota Highway Patrol troopers train extensively for high-risk incidents. We value each individual and understand that the loss of life is a tragic event.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol has a robust program in place to assist our troopers and their families through these difficult times.

A press conference is planned for 3:00 p.m. this afternoon at the entrance of the Judicial Wing of the North Dakota Capitol building.

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