

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | April 24, 2022

**(Updated) Fatal crash in North Fargo**

**What:** Fatality

**Where:** 3300 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N

**When:** 04-23-2022 at approximately 0100

**Road Conditions:** Wet

**Weather Conditions:** Raining

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Non-Collision, vehicle left roadway

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Fargo PD, Fargo Fire, FM ambulance, FM towing

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2017 Subaru Forester

**Driver No. 1:** Robert James Wagner Male Jr, 31 of Fargo, ND (Fatal)

**Restraints:** front airbag deployment, no seatbelts used

**Charges:** no charges were filed

**NARRATIVE:**

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at approximately 9:30 AM the NDHP was requested by the Fargo Police Department to assist with a crash that had occurred on the 3300 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N in the city of Fargo. A Subaru Forester had been observed partially submerged in the drainage ditch north of this location.

The Fargo Police Department along with the Fargo Fire Department and FM ambulance initially responded and observed a male driver and only occupant of the vehicle unresponsive in the driver's seat of the vehicle. The driver who was later identified Robert James Wagner Jr was extricated from the vehicle. Lifesaving efforts were attempted but Wagner died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

The NDHP determined prior to the crash the Wagner had been operating a Forester that was traveling eastbound on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N at a fast rate of speed. At approximately 1:00 AM the Forester left the east roadway and entered the north ditch along Goodwill. A city of Fargo utility light pole was struck. The Forester continued down the ditch embankment and became airborne and vaulted over a concrete drainage ditch, colliding with the opposite side of the concrete ditch. Significant damage was sustained to the front end of the Forester including front airbag deployment. The Forester then entered the drainage ditch, which was full of water, and floated a short way north from the initial location of the crash. The driver was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash.

This crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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