

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 14, 2022

UPDATE Morton County Serious Injury Crash (Fatal)

What: Injury Crash

Where: Interstate 94-mile marker 137 (~15 miles west of Mandan, ND)

When: March 4th, 2022, at 4:19 pm (Central Time)

Road Conditions: Icy

Weather Conditions: Freezing Rain/Drizzle

Crash Involvement: Two-Vehicle Crash

Type of Crash: Head-on angled

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Morton County Sheriff's Department, New Salem Ambulance, New Salem Fire Department, Metro Ambulance Service

Vehicle No. 1:	2020 Freightliner
Driver No. 1:	Hashi Shire – 37 years old – Richfield, MN – Non-life-threatening injuries
Restraints:	Seatbelt
Charges:	Pending
Passenger No. 1:	Ahmed Ahmed – 27 years old – Minnetonka, MN – Not Injured
Restraints:	Seatbelt
Vehicle No. 2:	2009 GMC Sierra
Driver No. 2:	<mark>Scott Walden – 46 years old – Missoula, MT – Fatal Injuries</mark>
Restraints:	Seatbelt
Charges:	No Charges

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Passenger No. 1:Antonina Walden – 49 years old – Missoula, MT – Serious InjuriesRestraints:Seatbelt

NARRATIVE: The 2020 Freightliner was traveling eastbound along Interstate 94 near mile marker 137. The 2020 Freightliner was pulling double box-trailers. The 2009 GMC Sierra was traveling westbound along Interstate 94 near mile marker 137. The 2009 GMC was pulling a 5th-wheel trailer loaded with a pickup. Road conditions in the area were icy with freezing rain/drizzle. The driver of the Freightliner lost control, crossed the median and entered the westbound roadway. The Freightliner and GMC collided. The vehicles entered the north ditch of Interstate 94 where they came to rest.

The driver, Scott Walden, and passenger, Antonina Walden, of the GMC were transported by Ambulance to Sanford Hospital in Bismarck, ND. The driver of the Freightliner, Hashi Sire, was transported by Ambulance to CHI – St Alexius' Hospital in Bismarck, ND. The passenger of the Freightliner was not injured. On Friday, 03/11/2022, Scott Walden passed away as a result of injuries he sustained in the crash.

Traffic along westbound Interstate 94 in the area was reduced to one-lane for several hours to investigate the crash and clear the scene.

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

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