

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | August 24, 2023

Multi-County Vehicle Pursuit / 2-vehicle crash

What: Vehicle Pursuit and 2-Vehicle Injury Crash

Where: Valley St and 13th St SE – Minot, ND

When: 08-24-2023 at 7:50 pm CST

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: 2-Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear-end

Agencies Involved: McHenry County Sheriff's Department, Ward County Sheriff's Department, North Dakota Highway Patrol, Minot Police Department, Minot Fire Department and Trinity First Response Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2006 Toyota Corolla

Driver No. 1: Tia Gomez – 26 yr old female – Voltaire, ND – non-life-threatening injuries

Charges: Under Investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2010 Ford Escape

Driver No. 2: Andres Carranza – 32 yr old male – Minot, ND – not injured

Charges: Under Investigation

NARRATIVE:

This media release is being sent in cooperation with the McHenry County Sheriff's Department.

Around 7:40 pm CST the McHenry County Sheriff's Department responded to a domestic incident in rural McHenry County east of Voltaire, ND. A responding deputy located Tia Gomez traveling westbound along Highway 52 near Voltaire and attempted a traffic stop. Gomez fled westbound on Highway 52 at a high rate of speed. NDHP Troopers and Ward

County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area. Tire disabling spike strips were utilized and successfully deflated two of the vehicle's tires. Gomez continued to flee into Minot where she rear-ended a 2010 Ford Escape, driven by Andres Carranza, at Valley St and 13th St SE.

Gomez was transported by ambulance for non-life-threatening injuries. Carranza was not injured.

Gomez faces multiple charges stemming from this incident.

The area of the crash was closed for approximately 1.5 hrs while the scene was cleared.

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

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