

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | June 6, 2023

## **Fargo DUI crash**

**What:** Property

**Where:** I-94 west bound 45<sup>th</sup> street exit (City of Fargo).

**When:** June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:07 PM central time

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Good

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rear End

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Fargo PD, Fargo Fire, Sanford ambulance.

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2013 GMC Terrain

**Driver No. 1:** Jefte Nzimoto-22-year-old male-Fargo (no injury).

**Restraints:** seatbelt with airbag deployment

**Charges:** DUI, DUI refusal, Felony warrants, leaving the scene of a crash involving another vehicle. Resisting arrest.

**Vehicle No. 2:** 1999 Peterbilt truck tractor pulling semi-trailer.

**Driver No. 2:** Guillermo Cruz- 54-year-old male-Hialeah FL (no injury)

**Restraints:** seatbelt

**Charges:** no charges filed

**NARRATIVE:** Cruz was operating a Peterbilt semi-truck driving westbound on I-94. Cruz took the 45<sup>th</sup> street exit and was stopped at a red light. Nzimoto was operating a GMC Terrain behind Cruz. Nzimoto failed to stop for the red light at 45<sup>th</sup> street, and rear ended the back of Cruz's semi-trailer. Nzimoto then fled on foot from the scene of the crash. Multiple witnesses observed the crash, and assisted Fargo Police with locating Nzimoto as he was fleeing the scene of the crash on foot. Nzimoto was combative and resisted arrest when Fargo PD officers tried to talk with him.

The NDHP took primary regarding the crash investigation. Nzimoto was charged with DUI, DUI refusal, leaving the scene of a crash involving another vehicle, and was found to have multiple felony warrants. Nzimoto was transported to the Essentia Hospital where he was medically cleared of injuries and was then transported to the Cass County Jail on the above charges. The Fargo Police Department assisted the NDHP and charged Nzimoto with resisting arrest. No injuries resulted from this crash.

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