

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | October 13, 2023

**Hit and Run Injury Crash – Wahpeton  
Seeking Public Assistance**

**\*\*\*\*Updated\*\*\*\***

**\*\*Update\*\*** With the public's help, law enforcement was able to locate the vehicle involved in this crash in Wahpeton during the late evening hours on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The suspect was also located and arrested. More details about the crash will be released later in the morning on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

The NDHP, Wahpeton PD and Richland SO would like to thank the media and public for their assistance.

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at approximately 7:40 pm, a vehicle vs pedestrian serious injury crash occurred in the 400 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S in Wahpeton, ND, which is on the north side of the Wahpeton Airport.

A dark colored, ¾ - 1 ton pickup with a loud exhaust was traveling eastbound on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S when the pickup struck a female pedestrian that was walking along the south side of the roadway. The pick-up then fled the scene, traveling eastbound on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S and then turned northbound on one of the streets to the east of the crash scene (4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> St S or 182<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE).

The dark colored pickup will have damage to the front passenger side of the vehicle, and possibly windshield damage.

The female pedestrian suffered life threatening injuries.

The Wahpeton Police Department, Richland County Sheriff's Office and the ND Highway Patrol (NDHP) responded to the crash scene and are continuing to investigate the crash.

Collectively, we are seeking assistance from the public to assist with locating the suspect vehicle and suspect driver involved in this crash. Specifically, law enforcement is looking for the following:

- Any video from residences in the area of the crash and in the direction the vehicle fled.



- Any videos from businesses in the area of the crash and in the direction the vehicle fled.
- Anyone that can identify the vehicle or suspect in this incident.

If anyone has information that can assist with our investigation, we encourage them to contact either the Richland County Dispatch Center or ND State Radio at the following numbers. Your report can be made anonymously:

Richland County Dispatch Center: (701) 642-7777

ND State Radio Dispatch: (701) 328-9921

If an emergency, please dial 911

Law enforcement does not want the public to approach the suspect or suspect vehicle if they are identified or located. We encourage the public to call 911, or one of the above emergency numbers.

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