

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | April 7, 2025

Cass County Two Vehicle DUI Crash UPDATE

What: Minor injury crash

Where: I29 MM 83, 2 miles south of Gardner

When: April 5, 2025, 5:10 PM

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Vehicle/vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear-end

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Cass County Sheriff's Department, Grandin Fire, Sanford EMS, Hunter Ambulance, and Community Ambulance Service-Rolla

Vehicle No. 1: 2020 Chevrolet Equinox

Driver No. 1: Elizabeth Denault, 33-year-old female, Grand Forks, ND

Restraints: Seatbelt, airbag

Charges: DUI, Reckless Endangerment (extreme indifference)

Vehicle No. 2: 2017 Nissan Rogue

Driver No. 2: Wilma Smith, 76-year-old female, Grand Forks, ND

Restraints: Seatbelt, airbag

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: On April 5, 2025, at 5:10 pm a Chevrolet Equinox was northbound on I29 near mile marker 83 when it rear-ended a Nissan Rogue. Both vehicles came to rest on the east side of the roadway. Smith, the driver of the Nissan sustained a minor injury and was transported to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND. The driver of the Chevrolet, Elizabeth Denault, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Additional charges for reckless endangerment with extreme indifference will be filed against the driver of the Chevrolet. The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.



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