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## **GRAND FORKS COUNTY FATAL CRASH**

**What:** Fatal Crash

**Where:** Northbound I-29, 2.5 miles north of Thompson

**When:** 05/05/2025, approximately 1:05 PM

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Sunny

**Crash Involvement:** Two-vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Head-on

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office, Thompson Fire & Rescue, Altru Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2015 Chevrolet Traverse

**Driver No. 1:** Female, 83, Aneta, ND (deceased)

**Restraints:** Seatbelt not in use

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2018 GMC Sierra

**Driver No. 2:** Male, 42, Grand Forks (serious injuries)

**Restraints:** Seatbelt in use, air bags deployed

**NARRATIVE:** Vehicle 1 was traveling the wrong way on I-29, southbound in the northbound lanes. Vehicle 2 was traveling north on I-29. Vehicle 1 and vehicle 2 collided head-on in the northbound lanes.

Driver of Vehicle 1 died on scene. The driver of Vehicle 2 was transported by ambulance to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks with serious injuries. The northbound lanes of I-29 were closed for approximately 2 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared. The crash remains under investigation by the ND Highway Patrol.

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