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BARNES COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

Update March 9:
Driver No. 1: Alliana Villaneuva, 26, Jamestown, fatal injuries

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What: Fatality

Where: I-94, Mile Marker 298

When: March 8, 2026, at 4:09 a.m. Central Time

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Dark / clear

Crash Involvement: Vehicle vs fixed object

Type of Crash: Fixed object

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Valley City Police Department, Barnes County Sheriff's Department, Barnes County Ambulance, Barnes County Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee
Driver No. 1: Female, 26, Jamestown, fatal
Restraints: Seat belt not in use

NARRATIVE: On March 8, 2026, at 4:09 a.m., a 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee was traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of I-94. At mile marker 298, the vehicle departed the roadway and struck a bridge support on the north side of the roadway. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota State Patrol.

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