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GRAFTON INJURY CRASH UPDATE

May 8 Update:

Driver No. 1: Oscar Villarreal, 46, Grafton, not injured

Cyclist: Dawn Johnson, 66, Grafton, serious injuries, no helmet in use

What: Injury Crash

Where: ND Highway 17, mile marker 127.5, Grafton

When: May 7, 2026, at 9:17 a.m.

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Commercial Motor Vehicle vs. Cyclist

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Grafton Police Department, Valley Ambulance and Rescue Service

Vehicle No. 1: 2005 Peterbilt 379

Driver No. 1: Male, 46, Grafton, not injured

Restraints: Seat belt in use

Charges: None

Cyclist: Female, 66, Grafton, serious injuries

NARRATIVE: On May 7, 2026, at approximately 9:17 a.m., a bicycle was traveling eastbound on the sidewalk alongside ND Highway 17 within the city limits of Grafton. The cyclist attempted to cross the roadway northbound and was struck by an eastbound Peterbilt. The cyclist was transported by Valley Ambulance and Rescue Service to Unity Medical Center in Grafton and later transferred to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks.

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



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