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EDDY COUNTY DUI INJURY CRASH UPDATE

Update August 25:

Driver No. 1: Jordan Martin, 26, New Rockford, minor injuries

Passenger No. 1: Jessica Cepeda, 32, New Rockford, serious non-life-threatening injuries

Passenger No. 2: Jeremy Martin, 21, New Rockford, not injured

Passenger No. 3: Ashton Martin, 23, New Rockford, serious life-threatening injuries

Passenger No. 4: Juvenile female, serious injuries, name will not be released

Passenger No. 5: Juvenile male, serious injuries, name will not be released

What: Serious injury crash

Where: 6900 block, Eddy County Road 1 (29th Street NE), east of Sheyenne

When: Sunday, August 23, 1:51 a.m.

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Dry

Crash Involvement: Single vehicle

Type of Crash: Roadway departure

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Eddy County Sheriff's Department, New Rockford Fire Department, Sheyenne Fire Department, Spirit Lake EMS/Ambulance, Community Ambulance Service of New Rockford

Vehicle No. 1: 2007 GMC Yukon

Driver No. 1: Male, 26, New Rockford, minor injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt not in use

Charges: DUI, other pending charges under investigation

Passenger No. 1: Female, 32, New Rockford, serious non-life-threatening injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt not in use

Passenger No. 2: Male, 21, New Rockford, not injured

Restraints: Seatbelt not in use

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Passenger No. 3: Male, 23, New Rockford, serious life-threatening injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt not in use

Passenger No. 4: Juvenile female, serious injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt not in use

Passenger No. 5: Juvenile male, serious injuries

Restraints: Seatbelt not in use

NARRATIVE: On Sunday, August 23 at approximately 1:51 a.m., a 2007 GMC Yukon was traveling west on 29th Street Northeast and failed to negotiate a curve. The vehicle went off the roadway; over corrected and ran off the roadway and entered a ditch. The driver was transported by Community Ambulance Service-New Rockford to St. Alexius Hospital in Carrington with minor injuries. A 32-year-old female passenger was transported by New Rockford Ambulance to St Alexius Hospital in Carrington with suspected serious, non-life threatening injuries. A 23-year-old male passenger was transported by New Rockford Ambulance to CHI St Alexius Health Carrington Medical Center and then airlifted to Sanford Medical Center-Fargo for serious, life-threatening injuries. Two juvenile passengers were transported by Spirit Lake Ambulance to Altru Hospital Devils Lake with serious injuries.

The driver was charged with DUI.

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

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