

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | August 28, 2026

CASS COUNTY (FARGO) FATAL CRASH UPDATE 2

Update: September 2:

Driver No. 1: Victor Fairbanks, 26, Moorhead, fatal injuries

Victor Fairbanks died September 1 at Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, due to injuries sustained in the August 28 crash.

Update: August 29:

Driver No. 1: Victor Fairbanks, 26, Moorhead, serious, life-threatening injuries

Passenger No. 1: Sierra Crook, 30, Fargo, fatal injuries

What: Fatal crash

Where: Intersection: University Drive South and 13th Avenue South, Fargo

When: Friday, August 28, 3:15 a.m.

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Dry

Crash Involvement: Single vehicle

Type of Crash: Fixed object

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Fargo Police Department, Fargo Fire Department, Sanford EMS, Cass County Coroner

Vehicle No. 1: 2004 Toyota Avalon

Driver No. 1: Male, 26 Moorhead, serious, life-threatening injuries

Restraints: Unknown

Charges: Under investigation

Passenger No. 1: Unidentified female, fatal injuries

Restraints: Unknown

NARRATIVE: On Friday, August 28 at 3:15 a.m., a 2004 Toyota Avalon was northbound on University Drive South. As the Toyota approached the 13th Avenue South intersection, the vehicle left the roadway and struck a building in the northeast corner of this intersection. As a result of the crash, the Toyota became engulfed in flames and the fire spread to the unoccupied building. Fargo Police Department officers arrived on scene and attempted to put out the fire; Fargo Fire Department arrived and extinguished the fire. The driver of the vehicle was transported by Sanford EMS to Sanford Hospital and then transported via Sanford Air Med to the Hennepin County Medical Center. The adult female passenger died at the scene and confirmation of her identification is ongoing.

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

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