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CASS COUNTY (FARGO) INJURY CRASH UPDATE

Update September 21:

Driver No. 1: Steve Smiley, 36, Horace, serious life-threatening injuries
Driver No. 2: Obinna Okwudili, 61, Fargo, not injured
Passenger No. 1: Steven Gange, 65, Fargo, not injured

What: Injury Crash

Where: University Drive and Main Avenue, Fargo

When: September 20, 2026, at 4:14 a.m. Central Time

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Motorcycle/vehicle

Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota State Patrol, Fargo Police Department, Fargo Fire Department, Sanford Ambulance

Vehicle No. 1: 2013 Harley-Davidson
Driver No. 1: Male, 36, Horace, serious life-threatening injuries
Restraints: No helmet in use
Charges: Driving Under the Influence (B Misdemeanor), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (C Felony)

Vehicle No. 2: 2011 Subaru Forester
Driver No. 2: Male, 61, Fargo, not injured
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: None

Passenger No. 1: Male, 65, Fargo, not injured
Restraints: Seat belt in use

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NARRATIVE: On September 20, 2026, at 4:14 a.m., a Subaru Forester was traveling west on Main Avenue in Fargo, approaching the intersection of University Drive. The Subaru had a green traffic signal and proceeded through the intersection. A Harley-Davidson motorcycle was traveling south on University Drive, approaching Main Avenue. The motorcycle entered the intersection against a red traffic signal and struck the rear passenger side of the Subaru. The motorcycle driver was thrown from the motorcycle and came to rest in the intersection. The driver was not wearing a helmet and sustained serious, life-threatening injuries. The driver was transported to Sanford Hospital for treatment. The driver and passenger of the Subaru were wearing seat belts and were not injured in the crash.

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

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