



MEDIA RELEASE

HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incident Code:	Traffic Complaint		
Date of Call:	Sunday, September 28th, 2025		
Time of Call:	5:42am		
Location:	US Highway 81 near 179th Street		
Details:			
Castlewood, SD - A motorist on US Highway 81 called the Watertown Regional Dispatch Center around 5:42am, early Sunday morning, to report a vehicle sitting on the side of the road with hazard lights on. The motorist reported that the only person in the vehicle was slumped behind the wheel. A sheriff's deputy was dispatched to the scene and made contact with the driver. Upon investigation by the sheriff's deputy, the driver of the vehicle appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. A preliminary breath test (PBT) was conducted at the scene, which came back just under three times the legal limit for South Dakota state law. A 27-year-old Estelline man was arrested and taken to the Codington County Detention Center for DUI, Open Alcohol Container in Motor Vehicle, and Driving without a License. The individual also has federal charges pending. BES Towing was called to the scene to recover the vehicle from the highway.			
Any defendant(s) listed are presumed innocent under the U.S. Constitution.			
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