



MEDIA RELEASE

HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incident Code: Traffic Complaint / Suspicious Activity

Date of Call: July 25th, 2025

Time of Call: 10:55am

Location: SD Highway 28 near 445th Avenue; Lake Norden

Details:

LAKE NORDEN, SD - The Hamlin County Sheriff's Office received a report Friday morning of a traffic complaint/suspicious activity that occurred during Thursday evening between Lake Norden and Bryant.

The caller stated that, about seven miles east of Bryant on SD Highway 28, between 10:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2025, a white van or SUV passed the caller at a high rate of speed and got in front of them. Then the SUV/van hit its brakes, coming to a complete stop in the middle of the highway. The caller said they stopped behind the SUV/Van, and the vehicle started to back up towards the caller's vehicle. The caller was scared and backed up, then went around the SUV/Van. The vehicle then got very close to the caller's back bumper and began flashing the high-beam headlights at the caller. The SUV/Van then passed the caller's vehicle, almost sideswiping the caller's vehicle. The SUV/Van then drove east towards Lake Norden, speeding away from the caller.

The image provided may be the suspicious vehicle as it went by a deputy's traffic stop on US Highway 81 and SD Highway 28 around the same time frame.

The incident remains under investigation, and anyone with information is asked to contact the Hamlin County Sheriff's Office at 605-783-3232. If you come across suspicious activity, please do not hesitate to call 911 immediately, as this increases our chances of identifying the individual(s).

Images:



Any defendant(s) listed are presumed innocent under the U.S. Constitution.

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