



# MEDIA RELEASE

## HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

<b>Incident Code:</b>	Driver Arrested for Felony DUI Near Hayti		
<b>Date of Call:</b>	Tuesday, April 14th, 2026		
<b>Time of Call:</b>	3:58pm CDT		
<b>Location:</b>	US Highway 81 near 190th Street		
<b>Details:</b>			
<p>HAYTI, SD - On Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at approximately 4:00 p.m. CDT, law enforcement received a report of a vehicle traveling northbound on U.S. Highway 81 near 190th Street that was swerving across the roadway.</p> <p>While deputies were en-route, the reporting party advised that the vehicle had entered the ditch on the opposite side of the road and turned onto South Dakota Highway 21 toward Hayti.</p> <p>A deputy located and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle on the east side of Hayti on South Dakota Highway 21. Upon contact with the driver, the deputy detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) were administered, and the driver was subsequently taken into custody.</p> <p>An inventory search of the vehicle was conducted, during which THC vape products and alcoholic beverages were located. A search warrant was obtained for a blood sample.</p> <p>The driver, a 29-year-old male from Watertown, was transported to the Codington County Jail and booked on the following charges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Felony Driving Under the Influence (DUI)</li><li>• Open Container in a Motor Vehicle</li><li>• Driving While License Revoked</li></ul>			
<b>Any defendant(s) listed are presumed innocent under the U.S. Constitution.</b>			
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