



# MEDIA RELEASE

## HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

<b>Incident Code:</b>	Injury Crash		
<b>Date of Call:</b>	October 19th, 2025		
<b>Time of Call:</b>	8:45am		
<b>Location:</b>	South of US Highway 81 / SD Highway 21		
<b>Details:</b>	<p>HAYTI, SD - Emergency crews from the Hayti Fire Department, Lake Norden Ambulance, and the Hamlin County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to US Highway 81 about a half mile south of SD Highway 21 for a single vehicle crash.</p> <p>While first responders were en route, it was reported that one individual was out of the vehicle, that all the airbags had deployed, and possible smoke was coming from the vehicle.</p> <p>The driver of the vehicle received minor injuries and was checked by EMS personnel at the scene, but was not transported to the hospital. Firefighters checked the vehicle and found no fire; only steam was coming from it.</p> <p>The vehicle was heading south on US Highway 81 when the driver fell asleep before going into the west ditch. The vehicle then hit a driveway, was launched into the air, and came back onto US Highway 81. The vehicle then entered the northbound lane of traffic before crossing back into the southbound lane and entering the west ditch. The driver then thought smoke was coming from the vehicle and jumped out while the vehicle was still in motion. The vehicle then continued to move without a driver along a tree belt before coming to a stop.</p> <p>The Hamlin County Sheriff's Office investigated the crash. Also on scene was the Lake Norden Police Department, which helped with traffic control.</p>		
<b>Any defendant(s) listed are presumed innocent under the U.S. Constitution.</b>			
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