

On May 6th, 2019, at approximately 5:05 pm, Grand Forks Police Department officers responded to check the welfare of a male subject. The subject was located at a south-end business, and officers began conversing with him. During the course of that conversation, officers were alerted to the fact that the male had a warrant for his arrest. When attempting to place him under arrest for the warrant, the male began actively fighting with officers. The fight was serious to the extent an officer's holster was broken while the male was attempting to disarm him. The male disengaged from officers, and fled the scene in the patrol vehicle.

While officers were attempting to locate the fleeing suspect, indications are that he accessed Interstate 29, and began traveling northbound. He apparently turned to the west, crossed the median, driving in the path of a southbound tractor-trailer. The collision left the semi disabled and partially off the roadway, the patrol vehicle totaled, and the suspect deceased. The suspect's name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The public has been asked to remain clear of Interstate 29 between 32nd Ave S and DeMers Ave this evening, to allow the scene to be processed. Any motorists who must travel through this section, both north-and south-bound should expect to encounter significant delays. Additionally, motorists should proceed cautiously, as numerous emergency personnel are on foot in the area.

The Grand Forks Police Department was assisted on this incident by numerous local and regional agencies, and we are appreciative of their assistance.

This investigation is active and ongoing, and the Grand Forks Police Department would ask anyone who may have any information regarding this incident to contact investigators through any of the methods provided below:

Phone: 701-787-8000

E-mail: investigate@grandforksgov.com

Text: Text the word "GFPD" and the tip to 847411 ("TIP411")