

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2026**

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IN BRIEF

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Police: Drunk man attempted to tackle officer

A Rapid City man was arrested after he allegedly attempted to tackle a police officer.

The Rapid City Police Department said the incident occurred around 11:40 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2 near the intersection of Custer Street and Farlow Avenue.

The department said it made contact with the driver of a passenger vehicle there regarding a parking violation. Officers noted the driver, 38-year-old Joshua Brunson, had "several indicators of impairment," including slurred speech. In an attempt to end the interaction, Brunson allegedly took off running from officers.

An officer attempted to deploy their Taser with no effect, police said. Brunson then turned and allegedly attempted to tackle another officer. After a struggle on the ground, officers were able to detain Brunson in handcuffs.

Officers arrested Brunson on suspicion of fourth-offense driving under the influence, obstruction, resisting arrest, simple assault on law enforcement, driving under revocation, open container in a motor vehicle and on a parole hold.

Pennington County Jail records show Brunson is being held there with no bond listed. He's due in court at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Man arrested for gun, drug possession after traffic stop

A Rapid City man faces charges after a traffic stop.

The Rapid City Police Department said around 4:40 p.m. Aug. 1, police saw a Chevrolet SUV commit a stop sign violation in the area of Rapp Street and North Lacrosse Street.

Police pulled the vehicle over and reported the vehicle smelled of marijuana. Police searched Leroy Hemphill, 36, and found a white substance that field-tested positive for cocaine on him, in addition to a loaded handgun, the department said. Hemphill has a prior felony conviction.

Police arrested Hemphill on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance and possession of a loaded firearm by a former violent offender before being transported to the Pennington County Jail. Jail records did not list Hemphill as of Monday afternoon.

Hulett, Wyo. hosts annual Ham N Jam

Visitors to the 85th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally might want to consider a quick trip to Hulett, Wyoming, where the town hosts its annual Ham N Jam during the rally.

Throughout rally week, Hulett will host street vendors, food and live music up and down Main Street. On Wednesday, Aug. 6, there's a free barbecue at Capt. Ron's Rodeo Bar in downtown Hulett.

Ride the Spirit Highway



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Bikers listen to music at the Ham N Jam in Hulett, Wyo., in this file photo. Hulett hosts its annual Ham N Jam to attract visitors traveling through the area for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

into Hulett, Wyo. — about 70 miles from Sturgis — to explore the Wyoming side of the Black Hills. Hulett also is nine miles from Devils Tower. Go to <https://visithulett.com/upcoming-events/> for more information.

Chicago man dies in motorcycle crash on I-90

A motorcyclist from Chicago died in a single-vehicle crash on Interstate 90 Friday afternoon.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol said the wreck occurred around 2:18 p.m. at mile-marker 268, 3 miles east of Chamberlain.

A preliminary investigation determined the man, 71, was driving a 2014 Harley Davidson FLHTCU west on I-90 near when the motorcycle began wobbling and then went down, separating the driver from the motorcycle, which entered the ditch.

The driver was transported to Chamberlain Hospital where he was pronounced dead, the patrol said. He was wearing a helmet.

The man's name has not been released pending notification of family members.

Box Elder man sentenced for child rape

A Box Elder man was sentenced Thursday to 20 years in prison for the repeated sexual abuse of a child between the ages of eight and 12.

Charles Johnston, 58,

pleaded not guilty to three counts of first-degree rape, one count of attempted first-degree rape, one count of sexual contact with a child under 16 years of age, and two counts of sexual exploitation of a minor in July 2024.

According to the press release from the State's Attorney's Office, the abuse came to light in September 2023 after the victim disclosed what had been happening. The child's father told the court Johnston "robbed my daughter of her peace."

Senior Deputy State's Attorney Olivia Siglin described the case as "horrifying," providing the court with disturbing details of the abuse, including instances of grooming and manipulation. She also noted that Johnston's phone search history revealed a pattern of searches related to young-looking models and underage-themed pornography.

To protect the child from the trauma of a trial, the state reached a plea agreement with Johnston for a guilty plea to a lesser charge of attempted first-degree rape.

During the sentencing hearing, Seventh Circuit Judge Matthew Brown rejected a request for leniency based on Johnston's age. Instead, he emphasized the severity of the crime, describing Johnston's actions as "heinous and devastating."

In response to the defense attorney's concern that Johnston could die in prison due to his age, Brown stated plainly, "You deserve it."

Rally traffic, crime info from local authorities

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Through Sunday, the Sturgis Police Department reported 12 driving while intoxicated arrests during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

The department reported 14 felony drug possession arrests, 15 drug and/or drug paraphernalia possession misdemeanor arrests, eight disorderly conduct arrests and four resisting arrest/obstructing an officer arrests.

Police responded to four non-injury accidents, 10 unwanted/intoxicated person reports and eight calls regarding fights, disturbances and/or assaults.

Meade County Sheriff's Office reported 131 traffic stops, 12 DUIs, one felony arrest and four drug misdemeanor arrests. The sheriff's office responded to four injury accidents and one non-injury accident.

On Monday morning, the South Dakota Highway Patrol released data from 6 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 3 through 6 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4. The patrol reported no fatal accidents over the timeframe.

The patrol reported the following injury accidents: At 11:30 a.m., Sunday, I-90, mile marker 40: A 2013 Harley Davidson (Unit 2) motorcycle was traveling eastbound with a 2007 Harley Davidson (Unit 1) motorcycle. Traffic ahead of both units had slowed in the passing lane of I-90. A vehicle in front of Unit 2 cut off the motorcycle. Unit 2 applied the brakes causing Unit 1 to collide with Unit 2.

Unit 1 (2007 Harley) overturned in the roadway. Unit 2 came to rest in the median. The male driver and female passenger of Unit 1 (2013 Harley) were separated from motorcycle. Unit 2 came to rest in the median of I-90. The male driver and female passenger of Unit 2 were not injured. The driver of Unit 1 sustained serious non-life-threatening injuries and the passenger had minor injuries. Both were taken to the hospital in Sturgis. Neither driver was wearing a helmet. The passenger of Unit 1 was wearing a helmet.

At 1 p.m., Sunday, US Highway 14A, mile marker 49: A 2023 Harley Davidson motorcycle was navigating a curve in the roadway when the steering failed. The male driver laid the bike down to avoid hitting the guardrail. The male driver and female passenger separated from the motorcycle as it began to slide. Both occupants were wearing helmets. Both individuals sustained minor injuries. The passenger was transported to the Sturgis Hospital.

At 2:01 p.m., Sunday, US Highway 385, mile marker 109: A 2007 Jeep Wrangler (Unit 2) was traveling north on US Highway 385, attempting to make a left turn onto Roubidoux Lake Rd. A 2013 Yamaha motorcycle (Unit 1) was traveling south on US 385. The driver of unit 2 attempted to make the left-hand turn in front of Unit 1. The driver of Unit 1 was unable to avoid collision with Unit 2. The male driver of Unit 1 was wearing a helmet and was transported to Monument Health in Deadwood for minor injuries. The driver of unit 2 was wearing a seatbelt.

At 3:23 p.m., Sunday, US Highway 14A, mile marker 24: A 2022 Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling eastbound. A deer entered the roadway and Unit 1 struck the deer, causing the operator to lose control. The driver was not wearing a helmet and sustained minor injuries. The female passenger of Unit 2 were not injured. The driver of Unit 1 sustained serious non-life-threatening injuries and the passenger had minor injuries. Both were taken to the hospital in Sturgis. Neither driver was wearing a helmet. The passenger of Unit 1 was wearing a helmet.

At 4:44 p.m., Sunday, Wildlife Loop Road, mile marker 1: A 2009 Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling west on Wildlife Loop Road. The driver failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway and ran off the road to the left. The motorcycle struck a tree. The driver sustained serious non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to Monument Health in Rapid City via Life Flight. He was not wearing a helmet.

At 5:22 p.m., Sunday, South Dakota Highway 40, mile marker 37: A 2008 Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling east on SD Hwy. 40 around a curve. The motorcycle began to slide when it drove over gravel in the roadway. The driver ran off the road to the right striking a guard rail. The driver became separated from the motorcycle and came to rest against a barbed wire fence. The driver was transported to Monument Health in Rapid City via ambulance with serious non-life-threatening injuries. He was wearing a helmet.

At 9:33 p.m., Sunday, Spring Creek Road near Arena Drive: A 2005 Honda motorcycle was traveling west on Spring Creek Road near its intersection with Arena Drive. The driver of the motorcycle failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway and entered the north ditch. The driver became separated from the motorcycle. The driver was not wearing a helmet and received minor injuries.

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