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UPDATE - Three killed, four injured in southeast Minneapolis crash

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Sept. 29, 2026 (MINNEAPOLIS) — The Minneapolis Police Department is investigating an early morning crash involving a stolen passenger vehicle and a tractor-trailer that killed three people and injured four others.

At approximately 4:12 a.m., officers responded to the crash and found seven people trapped inside a stolen Hyundai Elantra. Two males in the front seats and a female in the rear seat died at the scene. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office will release their identities.

Minneapolis firefighters extricated four other passengers from the rear seat: two 18-year-old men, a 17-year-old girl, and a 17-year-old boy. Ambulances transported them to Hennepin Healthcare for treatment of potentially life-threatening injuries.

Preliminary information indicates the stolen Elantra was traveling east on Southeast Fourth Street when it struck the trailer of a tractor-trailer traveling south on the Interstate 35W exit ramp and crossing Southeast Fourth Street. The Elantra became lodged beneath the trailer. Both vehicles came to a stop on Ninth Avenue Southeast between Southeast Fourth Street and University Avenue Southeast.

Investigators believe the stolen vehicle's speed contributed to the crash. The semi driver was uninjured and cooperated with officers.

MPD traffic investigators and forensic scientists processed the scene and collected evidence. The southbound I-35W exit to Southeast Fourth Street and Ninth Avenue Southeast were closed for several hours.

The incident number is 26-282263.

MPD is investigating the sequence of events that led to the crash.

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