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## Media Release

On July 12, 2025, at 7:35 a.m., the Whitefish Police Department conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Highway 93 South and Commerce Street. An officer observed the subject vehicle traveling 62 MPH in a posted speed limit zone of 45 MPH heading north on Highway 93. During the initial contact the officer learned that the driver did not have a driver's license, proof of insurance, or proof of registration. The officer asked if any of the passengers had a driver's license and one was provided. The officer conducted a driver's license query through the Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN). The CJIN query informed the officer that the driver's license had an active alert for an immigration warrant. In accordance with Whitefish Police Department policy, the officer contacted a supervisor who authorized notification to U.S. Border Patrol of the active alert. The U.S. Border Patrol was dispatched to the location. The Whitefish police officer issued the driver a notice to appear for multiple traffic offenses and concluded the traffic stop. U.S. Border Patrol remained on scene. Questions concerning the immigration investigation should be directed to the U.S. Border Patrol.

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