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Precinct co-chair Don Heck, left, helps a voter feed her 2026 Michigan primary election ballot into the tabulator Aug. 4 at the Foster Community Center in Lansing. PHOTOS BY MATTHEW DAE SMITH/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

National spotlight on Michigan Senate seat

Millions spent to decide Democrats' nominee in crucial race

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The race to fill an open Michigan seat in the U.S. Senate was attracting national attention and tens of millions of dollars in advertising spending as Michigan voters cast ballots Aug. 4 in a primary election marked by strong early voting numbers.

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Voters were also deciding who will be the Republican and Democratic nominees for governor in the Nov. 3 general election, plus candidates for U.S. House seats, state House and Senate seats, and many local offices.

More than 1.3 million ballots were cast through absentee voting and early voting by the time the polls opened at 7 a.m. Aug. 4, said Michigan Department of State spokeswoman Angela Benander.



People vote Aug. 4 in Pottersville during the 2026 Michigan primary election.

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Police: Man was driving 86 mph

2 MDOT workers fatally struck on U.S. 127 in May

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MASON – A man charged in connection with the deaths of two road construction workers on U.S. 127 in May was driving more than 86 mph seconds before his vehicle struck the two men on the shoulder of the road, police said.

Investigators extracted that information from the Ford Edge they said Tyler Reck was driving when the crash occurred on the northbound side of the freeway near Holt Road in Alaiedon Township, an Ingham County Sheriff's deputy testified in a warrant hearing.

A witness said a vehicle that ended up on its roof at the crash scene was the same vehicle that had come up behind her in the left northbound lane on Cedar Street in Mason a few minutes before the crash. The driver sounded the horn "repeatedly" and cut in front of her before getting on the ramp to northbound U.S. 127, the deputy testified.

Tyler Cameron Reck, 24, of DeWitt, was arraigned July 30 in 55th District Court in Mason on two counts each of reckless driving causing death and moving violation causing death, court records show. Both charges carry a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison upon conviction.

Andrew Abood, whose law firm is representing Reck, said he's in the process of investigating the case and noted his client is devastated by the tragedy.

"There have been a lot of people who have commented about this construction site and how it was being managed," he said. "Whether it was an accident or a crime is yet to be determined."

Officials said Bruce Wagner, 51, and Steve Spenle, 49, both of Mason, were on a pavement patching crew working on the northbound side of the freeway when they were struck and killed on May 26.

Reck lost control in the northbound lanes before his crossover SUV struck

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East Lansing police to investigate weekend arrest

Video shows officers allegedly striking Black woman

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EAST LANSING – Police have begun an internal investigation after a video was posted to social media raising questions about an arrest made by officers over the weekend in the city's downtown, officials said in a Monday evening, Aug. 3, news release.

The Lansing branch of the NAACP also on Monday evening renewed its calls for Police Chief Jennifer Brown to step down, saying the video shows a Black woman being struck by officers.

The police department said in a statement Monday evening that the video officials have seen "does not capture the entire incident," but that they would review body-worn camera footage and "any other material related to the incident" during the investigation.

The department said police officials would work with the city attorney's office to decide what can be released to the public after the review.

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East Lansing Interim City Manager Annette Irwin said in the police department statement.

One police officer has been put on paid administrative leave as part of the investigation, officials said.

The NAACP Lansing Branch said in its statement it wants police to immediately release body-worn camera footage of the incident, conduct a full review of its use of force practices and that Brown either resign or be fired.

The NAACP said officers used force on a Black woman early Sunday morning,

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