

Accidents cause two to be air-lifted to U of L Hospital, third sent to local facility

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Three recent injury accidents that happened in Scott County caused two people to be air-lifted by medical helicopter to University of Louisville Hospital for treatment and another to be sent to Scott Memorial Hospital.

The first two mishaps both occurred on Saturday, June 15, and each involved motorcyclists. Just before 1:30 p.m. that Saturday, dispatchers notified Sheriff's Department and Scott County EMS personnel of a crash involving a female motorcyclist at the intersection of State Road 356 and Concord Road.

The Sheriff's Department report filed by Detective Rick Barrett indicated that Pamela J. Smith, 52, Scottsburg, has been headed east on S.R. 356 with a group of fellow motorcyclists when her 2002 Honda Rebel veered off the road.

Smith was ejected from the motorcycle and suffered facial and head injuries.

Fortunately, crews of Air Methods, the medical helicopter, and Scott County EMS, the local ambulance service, were visiting Rosalind English Park in Lexington as part of the annual Old Settlers' Days celebration. They were dispatched to the scene that was less than a mile away and arrived within minutes. Smith was air-lifted to University of Louisville Hospital for treatment.

That happened before Det. Barrett could get to the scene. He talked with several motorcyclists about the mishap.

Det. Barrett was assisted at the scene by Sheriff Dan McClain, who had also been at Old Settlers' Days.

Property damage from the accident was estimated at up to \$2,500.

At 4 p.m. that Saturday, Austin Patrolman Greg Green, Reserve Deputy Mike Tscheulin and Trooper Phillip D'Angelo of the Indiana State Police, Sellersburg Post, were dispatched to the scene of a second motorcycle mishap.

This crash occurred at the intersection of U.S. Highway 31 North and Booe Road on the north side of Austin. Information collected by Ptl. Green advised that Timothy S. Bowling, 24, Austin, was driving a 2004 Mazda Tribute LX SUV west on Booe Rd. Bowling said he came to a complete stop at the intersection and then began a right-hand turn onto U.S. 31. He said he felt the impact that a 1998 AMF XL motorcycle being driven south on U.S. 31 by Ricky E. Brock, 53, Austin, made as the cycle hit the SUV.

Two witnesses who said they saw the accident stated that the motorcyclist was traveling south on U.S. 31 at the time of the collision. One witness said Bowling's SUV came through the stop sign on Booe Rd. at a high rate of speed and did not stop but proceeded onto U.S. 31.

The witness said Brock was ejected from the motorcycle into a westside ditch. The second witness said the SUV ended up on Christie Road west of the intersection facing west.

Brock suffered severe injuries to his left lower leg. The officer's report indicated the man's foot was severed just above the ankle. Brock was air-lifted from the scene by the medical helicopter crew to U of L Hospital.

Brock's current condition is not known.

Trooper D'Angelo reconstructed the accident, Ptl. Green related. His results are pending. Property damage was estimated at up to \$100,000, according to the accident report.

Though not listed with any injuries, Bowling was transported by Scott County EMS to the local hospital. He was charged on June 17 with driving while suspended with a prior conviction, a misdemeanor, in Scott Superior Court.

At his initial court appearance that same day, Bowling entered a not guilty plea to the charge.

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He filed a \$250 cash bond that same day and is now awaiting trial, which is set for August 15.

On Friday, June 21, an Austin woman was injured in a collision that occurred just after 2 p.m. at the intersection of South Lake Road and State Road 56 West in Scottsburg.

Bethel E. Willoughby, 69, was driving her 2006 Chevy Cobalt south on Lake Road. As she approached the intersection, she said she began to turn left onto S.R. 56 to head east.

Willoughby is reported to have told Sgt. Rodney Watts that she did not see the northbound 1997 Honda Accord being driven on Lake Rd. by Nathan J. Byers, 21, Scottsburg.

The two vehicles collided, causing an injury to Willoughby's knee/lower leg/foot. She was treated at the scene by Scott County EMS technicians and then transported to Scott Memorial Hospital.

Sgt. Watts estimated the amount of property damage at up to \$10,000.

He was assisted at the scene by Scottsburg Sgt. Brian Hall and Deputy James Shelton of the Sheriff's Department.