

## Driver charged after Austin accident injures four nine-year-old boys

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A Seymour man has been charged in Scott Superior Court with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated after an accident in Austin which injured him and four nine-year-old boys. Irineo Aguilar, 22, reportedly admitted being the driver of the 1995 Dodge Saturn that wrecked on July 16 on State Road 256 East about 70 feet west of the highway's intersection with Linden Drive. Capt. Paul Clute of the Austin Police Department responded to the accident, which occurred at 5:45 p.m. that Friday. Arriving at the scene, he said he saw an adult male, Aguilar, sitting on the road while three of the boys were standing in a ditch to the south of S.R. 256. A fourth boy, later identified as Allan Nala, was found unresponsive and face down in the northside ditch with what the officer said was a compound fracture of his left leg. The remaining three boys, Claudio Hernandez, Antonio Guerta and Jorge Preciado, were bruised and scratched from the accident as was Aguilar, who suffered facial injuries as well. All of the children were from Seymour. Open beer cans were found in and around the wrecked car, the officer's report stated.

The driver and the three children who appeared not to be seriously hurt were transported to Scott Memorial Hospital by Scott County EMS for treatment. Nala was air-lifted by StatCare medical helicopter to University of Louisville Hospital. His condition is not known. Property damage caused by the wreck was estimated at up to \$10,000. Assisting at the scene was Austin Reserve Nathan Hall. Lt. Clute filed paperwork with the Scott County Prosecutor's Office on the two misdemeanor OVI charges and a misdemeanor charge of open alcohol container against Aguilar on Monday, July 19. Aguilar entered a not guilty plea that day and was released on a \$600 cash bond after appearing in Superior Court for his initial hearing.