

## ?Seven people injured during latest spate of accidents in Scott County

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? ? ? ? In the latest string of vehicular accidents to hit Scott County, a total of seven people suffered injuries.

The first occurred on Sunday, July 13, at 1 a.m. in Blocher on Broadway Street at its intersection with State Road 3.

Motorcyclist James Williams Jr., 58, Lexington, told investigating deputy Donald Campbell with the Sheriff's Department that he ran off the edge of the road and overcorrected, losing control of his 1982 Honda. Williams experienced chest pain after the accident and was treated by technicians with Scott County EMS.

Damage to the motorcycle was estimated at up to \$2,500.

Early on Monday, July 14, another injury accident occurred, this time on Vienna Road 2,000 feet north of State Road 356.

David A. Snelling, 29, Henryville, was southbound in his 2003 Volkswagen. He told Sgt. Rex Herald with the Sheriff's Department that he did not remember what happened, but the vehicle ran off the left side of the road into a ditch, causing it to partially roll into an embankment and then land back on its wheels.

The mishap occurred shortly after 2:30 a.m.

Snelling suffered a wound to his elbow/lower arm but was not treated for the injury. Damage was estimated up to \$25,000.

Sgt. Herald was assisted at the scene by Deputy Jeremy Arnold.

Teenagers driving on Rosewood Road on Monday night, July 14, collided with a deer, which resulted in the third injury accident.

Eric E. Noble, 17, Scottsburg, was driving with passenger Jennifer St. Croix, Scottsburg, around 10:45 p.m. when the deer ran out onto the road in front of the 2003 Nissan 350Z south of Taylor Mill Road. The animal hit the windshield of the car. The vehicle went off the right side of the road and hit a fence.

Neither Noble nor St. Croix reported injuries at the scene, but Noble was later diagnosed with a broken nose.

Damage caused to the car and property was estimated at up to \$25,000.

Two people were injured in another motorcycle accident that occurred at 7:10 p.m. on Friday, July 18, on Hardy Lake Road about 1,000 feet south of State Road 256 East.

Injured were driver Mark Schilawski, 46, Austin, and his wife, Karen, 47. The couple told Deputy Campbell that they had been traveling south on Hardy Lake Rd. when a cat ran onto the highway. Schilawski lost control of his 2005 Yamaha, and both of them were ejected from the cycle.

Schilawski suffered a shoulder/upper arm injury. Karen Schilawski had facial contusions and bruises. Both were treated at the scene by Scott County EMS.

Damage was estimated at up to \$5,000.

On Saturday, July 19, Ross D. Wallace, 19, Indianapolis, was traveling on Ox Road in Finley Township around 10 p.m. As he answered his cell phone, he told Deputy Campbell that he ran off the edge of the road. He apparently overcorrected and lost control, striking a tree.

Wallace suffered a minor head injury, according to Deputy Campbell's report. Property damage to the 2000 Chevy Cavalier was estimated at up to \$5,000.

Deputy Campbell was assisted at the scene by Deputy Jeremy Arnold.

Another motorcycle accident occurred around 9 p.m. on Sunday, July 20, on Underwood Road 2,000 feet north of County Line Road in the Underwood area.

Motorcyclist Clell A. Deaton, 34, Scottsburg, said he was northbound on his 2008 Honda

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when a dog ran into the roadway. He hit the animal and the collision caused him to lay the cycle down on its right side.

Deaton had injuries to his hip and upper leg from the accident, but the report by Sgt. Herald did not indicate if Scott County EMS was called to the scene.

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