

Woman passenger hurt when vehicle struck by reserve deputy's car Sunday

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A passenger in a 2008 PT Cruiser was injured when the car was struck in the driver's side by a reserve deputy trying to get to the scene of a call.

Joyce Scroggins, 63, Elizabethtown, In., was seated behind her husband, Raymond E. Scroggins, 65, as he drove north into the intersection of State Road 56 and Lake Road on Sunday afternoon, November 21, in Scottsburg. An elderly relative of the couple's was in the front passenger seat.

Raymond Scroggins told Scottsburg Patrolman Rodney Watts that he did not see the Sheriff's Department car approaching the intersection from the west. The patrol vehicle had its emergency lights and siren activated and had slowed as it approached the busy intersection, which is located at the west end of a strip of eating places known locally as "Mayonnaise Alley."

Reserve Deputy Michael Tscheulin III, 34, Underwood, was at the wheel of the eastbound patrol car. He told the Scottsburg officer that he had slowed down and then proceeded, but that the PT Cruiser moved on into the intersection and the collision resulted. His statement was confirmed by two witnesses, the Scottsburg Police Department report noted. Mrs. Scroggins was assisted at the scene by Scott County EMS and First Responders. She experienced back pain following the mishap but was later reportedly found to have suffered several cracked ribs.

Reserve Deputy Tscheulin, Raymond Scroggins and the elderly relative were not injured.

Both the patrol car and the Scroggins' car were towed from the scene.

Damage was estimated at up to \$10,000 by Ptl. Watts. He was assisted at the scene by Lt. Richey Barton, also of the Scottsburg Police Dept.