

Six people injured in separate county traffic accidents

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A total of six people were injured in two separate traffic accidents that were investigated by the Scott County Sheriff's Department over the past week.

The first mishap occurred at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23, on State Road 203 at its intersection with Blocher Road.

Drivers were identified as Kellee D. Dye, 38, Henryville, and Sherri M. Joyce, 25, Lexington.

No information could be obtained at the scene from Dye because of her injuries, noted Deputy Rodney Rudder. Joyce told the officer that she had been driving south on S.R. 203 in her 2008 Ford when Dye pulled out from Blocher Road. Joyce said she had no time to react and struck the eastbound Ford F150 pickup in the driver's side.

Dye was assisted by First Responders and Scott County EMS at the scene. She suffered a possible knee/lower leg/foot injury. Her passenger, Vickie Zajdel, 38, Lexington, was also hurt, suffering an apparent injury in her abdominal/pelvic area.

Both women were transported to Scott Memorial Hospital in Scottsburg for further treatment.

Joyce, who is pregnant, was shaken by the crash. She experienced chest pain. The woman went to her obstetrician the following day for a check-up, according to a family member, and had suffered no injury or harm to her baby.

Property damage was listed at up to \$50,000 by Deputy Rudder. He was assisted at the scene by Indiana State Trooper Burton of the Sellersburg post.

A northbound 1999 Dodge wound up on the porch of a home facing the T intersection of North Main Street Road and Cutshall Road early on Sunday, November 28.

Driver Arlie Campbell III, 18, Austin, told Deputy Jeremy Arnold that he did not see that he was approaching the T intersection as he drove toward it on N. Main Street Rd. shortly after 1 a.m. When he realized how close he was, he said he braked but the brakes locked up.

The car went through the intersection and hit an embankment, coming to rest on the home's porch at 235 Cutshall Rd.

Campbell was uninjured, according to Deputy Arnold's report. Three of his four passengers weren't so lucky, however.

Clarissa Peacock, 17, Austin, was in the car's front seat. She suffered a possible neck injury. Peacock was not using her seatbelt at the time of the crash, but her airbag deployed, the officer noted.

Backseat passengers included Steven Howard, 18, Lexington, and Kayla Shelton, 17, Austin. Howard had a possible knee/lower leg/foot injury, while Shelton suffered a facial injury. It is unknown if the pair was wearing seatbelts.

A fourth passenger, Sidney Nease, Austin, was not injured.

Scott County EMS and First Responders and firemen with the Jennings Township Volunteer Fire Department went to the scene to render aid. No one was trapped inside the wrecked Dodge.

Property damage was surprisingly light, according to the deputy's report. He estimated it at up to \$5,000, including yard and porch damage. The house is owned by Shawn Hunsucker.

Deputy Arnold was assisted at the scene by Deputy Joe Johnson.

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