

## Six people hurt in county vehicular mishaps during two-week period

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A half-dozen people involved in the seven accidents investigated by the Scott County Sheriff's Department in February were listed as having suffered some injury.

On February 7, driver Jennifer Stace, no age or address available, was hurt on U.S. Highway 31. The accident occurred just before 8:30 p.m. when her vehicle hit an icy patch on Marshfield bridge. It crossed over into the southbound lane and struck one of the bridge's guardrails.

Damage was estimated at up to \$5,000 by Deputy Rex Herald. He was assisted at the scene by Deputy Joe Guarneri.

The next injury accident involved 1997 Chevy Cavalier operated by Michael O. Higdon Jr., 20, Austin. It took place at 12:17 p.m. on February 12 on Booe Road at its T-intersection with Bogardus Road.

Higdon was eastbound on Booe Rd. and reportedly did not stop at the intersection. The car crossed the road and struck an embankment and a tree.

Higdon suffered a possible injury to his knee/lower leg/foot. He was assisted at the scene by Scott County EMS technicians.

Property damage was estimated at up to \$10,000 by Deputy Guarneri. Deputy Mark Shapinsky assisted at the scene.

On February 15, a 17-year-old driver suffered unspecified bodily injuries when the 1997 Chrysler Sebring he was driving wrecked at the intersection of Lovers Lane and McNeely Road. The accident occurred at 1:20 p.m., according to the report prepared by Deputy Shapinsky.

Dakota L. Fortner, Scottsburg, was driving east on Lovers Lane Rd. when he said something apparently "broke" in the steering mechanism as he came over a hillcrest. He met an on-coming vehicle, and the Sebring went to the right into a ditchline. The car struck a fence and fence post before hitting a utility pole and a road sign. The car came to rest on the road.

Fortner was held inside the car by his seatbelt and airbag. He was assisted at the scene by Scott County EMS.

The teen's passenger, Cody L. Skaggs, 18, Milltown, was also injured in the mishap. Pain was reported in his elbow/lower arm.

Deputy Shapinsky estimated property damage at up to \$10,000, including a county-owned road sign.

On February 18 at 3:35 p.m., 18-year-old Jasmine L. Dorsey of Austin was involved in a one-vehicle accident on a moped.

Dorsey was driving the moped west on Crothersville Road. About 3,000 feet west of Jack Morgan Road, she said she ran off the road into a deep ditch. She told Deputy Guarneri she woke up in the ditch.

She suffered minor facial bleeding, which was treated by technicians with Scott County EMS.

Property damage was listed at up to \$2,500 by the officer. He was assisted at the scene by Reserve Deputy Mike Tscheulin.

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