

Man driving stolen car flown to University of Louisville after crash occurs

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The condition of a man who is accused of stealing a vehicle in Seymour and leading police on a chase from Jackson County to western Jennings County last week is still unknown.

Terry J. Kinworthy, Paris Crossing, is the suspect who allegedly stole a black Toyota Corolla in Seymour. When the car crashed on County Road 800 West in Jennings County, Kinworthy was critically injured and trapped in the wreckage.

The incident began on Thursday, February 14, when the Scott County Sheriff's Department received information that Kinworthy, who is allegedly a suspect in some local home burglaries, was said to be driving a black Corolla that had been taken in Seymour.

Around 8:15 p.m. that evening, a law enforcement officer identified the stolen vehicle as it went through Crothersville on U.S. Highway 31. It was headed south to Austin, they learned.

Officers with the Sheriff's Department, Austin Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Department began to pursue the car as it sped southward. An attempt was made to stop the car, but the driver ignored flashing lights and officers' instructions and continued to drive.

At the northern edge of Austin, the car turned east on Booe Road and then north on Bogardus Road, eventually crossing over into Jennings County. That Sheriff's Department had been notified of the pursuit and had joined other officers trying to stay with the car.

The vehicle was eventually lost from sight.

Within minutes of losing the car, law enforcement were notified on a single vehicle crash on C.R. 800 West in Jennings County. Kinworthy was still inside the vehicle, but a passenger, identified as Jerika Wayman, was able to crawl out and go for help. Kinworthy, it was learned later, may have been trying to reach his home at 9300 South 800 West when the accident occurred.

Rescue personnel joined officers at the scene of the accident, and Kinworthy was eventually freed and transported to the Louisville hospital by medical helicopter.

He was reported to be in critical condition in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit on Friday, February 15.