

Motorcyclist in Scottsburg injured in 'rush hour' wreck at S.R. 56/U.S. 31

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A motorcyclist who wrecked on Monday, March 4, during one of the busiest times of the day at U.S. Highway 31 and State Road 56 in Scottsburg has been treated for his injuries and is recovering.

John E. Shelton, 44, Scottsburg, told Lt. David Hardin of the Scottsburg Police Department that he had been pulling back onto S.R. 56 from a gas station on the intersection's northeast corner just before 8 a.m.

As he did so, Shelton said his 1999 Honda motorcycle's rear wheel began sliding. As a result, the motorcycle fell on its side, ejecting Shelton, and slid across the roadway.

The motorcycle came to rest in the inside lane of westbound S.R. 56 next to the turn lane. Shelton was laying in both westbound lanes.

Scott County EMS technicians assisted Shelton. He had suffered a possible knee/lower leg/foot injury along with contusions and bruises. Fortunately, Lt. Hardin noted, the motorcyclist was wearing a helmet.

Shelton was transported to Scott Memorial Hospital by ambulance.

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

Lt. Hardin was assisted at the scene by Chief Scott Zellers.