

Four people injured as SUV driver tries to avoid deer on Oard Spring Road

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A deer which ran out in front of a 2000 Chevy Tahoe late on Wednesday night, April 17, was the cause of a wreck that injured four people. Lois J. Riley, 43, Austin, was driving east on the county road northeast of Austin just after 11:30 p.m. when the animal leaped onto the road in front of her vehicle. She swerved to miss it and struck a tree. Damage to the SUV's front end was extensive. Riley suffered chest pain following the mishap as did the passenger in the front seat, Michael Riley, 30. Carl W. Vancleave, 38, and Linda Riley, 28, were also listed as injured. Vancleave had back pain, while Linda Riley suffered abdominal/pelvic pain. They were seated in the vehicle's middle seat.

All were assisted by Scott County EMS. Linda Riley was air-lifted to University of Louisville Hospital for further treatment while the others were transported by ambulance to Scott Memorial Hospital in Scottsburg. Victims' present conditions are not known. The point of impact was about 1,000 feet from the Terry Road intersection on a gravel section, according to the report filed by Deputy Joe Johnson. He was assisted at the scene by Deputy Rex Herald. Deputy Johnson estimated property damage at up to \$10,000.