

Injured county couple continues recuperation from Clarksville car crash

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A Scott County couple continues to recover from broken ribs and other injuries they sustained when their car was struck head-on by another vehicle Tuesday afternoon, April 30, in Clarksville.

Mountie and Jeannette Mount of Scottsburg were both transported by ambulance to University of Louisville Hospital after the accident on Veterans Parkway around 2:15 p.m.

Jeannette Mount, 61, was driving the couple's 2008 Toyota Prius westbound on the busy highway that serves Clarksville's major shopping area. As they approached Sam Gwin Drive near the IHOP restaurant, an eastbound 2013 Volkswagen Beetle jumped the curbed median and hit the Mounts head-on. Jeannette Mount took the brunt of the collision.

The driver of the Beetle, Lee Byerly Jr., 75, Charlestown, was pronounced dead at the scene. Clarksville city police indicated that it was possible Byerly had suffered some sort of medical emergency, causing him to lose control of the compact car.

Mountie Mount, 81, was reported to be in good condition at U of L Hospital. He remains in the hospital's ICU because of breathing difficulties associated with his broken ribs and sternum.

Jeannette Mount underwent surgery on Wednesday afternoon, May 1. She is reported to have multiple broken ribs, a broken clavicle, breaks in her right arm and left leg and a damaged ankle. Mrs. Mount was expected to be transferred soon to a center specializing in rehabilitation.

The couple's grandson was in the car with them when the accident occurred, but the child was not injured. The youngster was, however, transported to Kosair Hospital in Louisville as a precaution.