

Three-vehicle wreck on U.S. Highway 31 injures three adults, one child

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Three adults and a six-year-old child were injured in a three-vehicle accident that occurred November 15 on U.S. Highway 31 south of Austin.

Officers from the Sheriff's Department were dispatched just before 2:30 p.m. to the intersection of U.S. 31 and Van Campen Road.

There, they discovered a 1994 Chevy van had struck the rear of a 2005 Chrysler station wagon. The station wagon had been pushed into the rear of a 2005 Chevy Uplander by that collision.

The driver of the van was identified as Dennis L. Chapman, 51, Seymour. He suffered a painful neck injury and was unable to talk to the investigating officer, Chief Deputy Don Campbell.

Sherry J. Mosley, 38, Scottsburg, was the driver of the station wagon. She and the third driver, Jennie C. Madden, 67, Austin, said they had all been southbound on U.S. 31 when Mosley stopped because of a truck with a trailer was being backed into a private driveway off the highway. Chapman hit Mosley, causing the chain-reaction mishap.

A fourth vehicle avoided hitting the rear of Madden's car by swerving. A witness to the accident said he did not see Chapman's van slow before striking the station wagon.

Scott County EMS was on the scene and treated Chapman before transporting him to Scott Memorial Hospital in Scottsburg. Mosley also suffered a possible neck injury, the officer's report noted, while Madden had a possible shoulder/upper arm injury.

The six-year-old, Maggie Mosley of Scottsburg, was a passenger in the Mosley vehicle. She experienced back pain because of the collision.

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Both the women and child were also treated by Scott County EMS and then transported to the local hospital.

Property damage from the accident was estimated at up to \$25,000 by Chief Deputy Campbell. He was assisted at the scene by Deputies Jac Sanders and Jeremy Arnold.