

## Two early-morning accidents in county result in nine people injured

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Two accidents which occurred at nearly the exact same time but seven days apart resulted in nine people being injured.

Sheriff's Department records related that the first mishap occurred on Tuesday, June 10, at 12:16 a.m. on State Road 3 South at its intersection with Kinderhook Road in Lexington Township.

At the wheel of a 2002 Volkswagen Jetta was 18-year-old Drexler S. Meadors of Charlestown. According to the teenager's statements made to Deputy Justin Cheatham, Meadors said he was traveling north on S.R. 3 when a deer ran into his path. He swerved and over-corrected his steering, causing the car to hit an eastside ditch. The car then collided with a fence and a utility pole.

The teen said he was going around 80 mph when the accident occurred, the report revealed.

Fortunately, he and his frontseat passenger, Rebakah Keith, 18, Otisco, were wearing their seatbelts. Their airbags deployed as well, further protecting them.

Airbags also helped to protect backseat passengers Benjamin M. Delaney, 18, Charlestown, and Kristyn Jones, 16, also of Charlestown. Jones, however, was ejected from the vehicle. Neither she nor Delaney was listed as having used their seatbelts.

Each teenager was listed with injuries ranging from back pain experienced by Meadors, a possible leg injury to Keith and overall body pain for Delaney and Jones. All were assisted by medical personnel with Scott County EMS and the Lexington Volunteer Fire Department.

Property damage was estimated at up to \$25,000 by Deputy Cheatham. He was assisted at the scene by Deputy Rex Herald.

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Shortly after midnight on Monday, June 16, Indiana State Police were dispatched to a two-vehicle crash on Interstate 65 southbound. The mishap occurred at the 27.5 mile marker south of Scottsburg.

The crash happened, ISP reconstructionists reported, when a northbound 2010 Hyundai driven by Evan Allen, 28, Scottsburg, crossed the median and struck a Ford pickup truck driven by Roger A. Timbrook, 53, Fort Wayne.

Allen was alone in his car, but Timbrook had as passengers his wife, Margaret Timbrook, 51, and the couple's two children, Jennifer L. Timbrook, 17, and Jonathon Timbrook, 21.

The ISP report noted that all involved in the crash were wearing seatbelts. All were either transported to University of Louisville Hospital either by Scott County EMS or by medical helicopter.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by members of the Scottsburg Police Department, Sheriff's Department, Clark County Sheriff's Department, Sellersburg Police Department and Scottsburg Volunteer Fire Department.

Because of wreckage clearance and reconstruction efforts, northbound traffic on I-65 was reported still somewhat snarled at 6:30 a.m. that Monday morning.