

Woman driver arrested on July 3 after striking jogger, leaving scene of accident

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An Austin woman suspected of being the driver who struck a jogger on July 3 remains at the Scott County Security Center in Scottsburg on a 72-hour hold order.

The order was requested Monday afternoon, July 7, by the Scott County Prosecutor's Office. That office was awaiting additional documentation from the Indiana State Police before formally charging Carrie Brough, 31. Two of the charges being considered are leaving the scene of a personal injury accident, a Class D felony, and driving while her license was suspended, a Class A misdemeanor.

Brough allegedly struck Chris Fugate, 43, of Austin while Fugate was jogging westward on Booe Road. Fugate serves as the county's deputy coroner and is an employee of the Collins Funeral Home in Scottsburg. Running became a hobby with him after he competed in cross country and track during his high school years.

After Fugate was hit, the eastbound 2001 gray Saturn crashed into a private front yard on the south side of Booe Rd. Brough reportedly got a ride with a passing motorist without checking on Fugate, who had been flung into a northside ditch by the impact.

9-1-1 calls were made by several people requesting help for the injured runner. Fugate was transported to University of Louisville Hospital by ambulance. The next day, he underwent surgery for a compound fracture of his left leg. Fugate is now recuperating at his home.

Brough was found by Austin and ISP officers at a residence on Water Tower Road just north of Austin and within a mile of the accident scene.

She was taken to the local jail facility that same day.

Brough was expected to have her initial hearing in Scott Superior Court by today (Wednesday).

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It is the same court where she appeared this past May to answer to four charges of possession of a Schedule 1-4 controlled substance, all Class D felonies, and a charge each of Class D felony theft and criminal trespass, a misdemeanor. She had been released on a \$1,000 cash bond to await her trial, scheduled to begin July 22, on those charges.