

Four people injured in car crashes early in February, local records reveal

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Three vehicle crashes in early February caused injuries to four people, according to records maintained by the Scottsburg Police Department and the Sheriff's Department.

At 7:47 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, a teenage driver was among the injured in an accident occurring at the traffic light on State Road 56 West at the Interstate 65 interchange.

Nicholas C. Vires, 17, Scottsburg, was driving a 2000 Acura Integra east on the highway when he said a 2014 Kia stopped in front of him. Vires told Patrolman Shawn Hurt that he tried to stop as well but his car slid on the wet pavement and struck the back of the Kia.

Vires suffered minor facial bleeding, while the driver of the Kia, Jennifer D. Rogers, 44, Austin, experienced head pain. Both were treated at the scene by Scott County EMS technicians.

Property damage was estimated at up to \$5,000.

The second mishap on Scottsburg streets happened just after 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 5.

Traffic on U.S. Highway 31 was fairly heavy because of a two-hour school delay. A southbound 1998 Lincoln Navigator driven by Brooklynn G. Mack, 29, Scottsburg, slipped off the highway near the entrance to a nursing home. The SUV traveled along a ditch line, striking a state-owned culvert and two city-owned utility poles before completely overturning and coming to a rest upside-down.

Mack was helped at the scene by Scott County EMS technicians and First Responders with the Scottsburg Volunteer Fire Department. After she was transported to Scott Memorial Hospital, officers guided traffic as a wrecker righted the vehicle and towed it away. Property damage was estimated at up to \$10,000 by Sgt. Brian Hall. He was assisted at the scene by Capt. David Hardin and Major Richey Barton, all of the city police.

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Just before 3 p.m. that same day, Deputy Jac Sanders was dispatched to South Slate Ford Road, where he found an injured driver.

He talked with the woman, identified as Amy S. Scott, 32, Underwood. Scott said she had been driving north on Slate Ford Rd. when she was met by a southbound vehicle that topped a hill in the road on her side of the road.

She took evasive action in hopes of not hitting the other vehicle, steering to the right. Her 2011 Chevy Cruze hit a mailbox and a utility pole, breaking the pole. Scott said she had neck pain and that her head had hit the steering wheel.

When she tried to get out of the driver's door, Scott said the door was jammed, so she crawled out the passenger side and went to the nearest residence for help. She said the vehicle she avoided did not stop.

The injured driver was transported to Scott Memorial Hospital by Scott County EMS.

Deputy Sanders estimated property damage totaling up to \$25,000.