

## Recent accidents in Scottsburg result in two people taken to hospital with injuries

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Two accidents in Scottsburg on Friday, October 16, left people involved with injuries.

The accidents happened within minutes of each other, the first at 2:18 p.m. on U.S. Highway 31 North at Lucas Street, and the second at 2:32 p.m. at the intersection of Wardell and Hazzard Streets.

In the first mishap, Patrolman James Vires and Sgt. Rodney Watts were dispatched to the site on U.S. 31 North. The drivers, Bertha R. Bridgewater, 90, of Scottsburg, and motorcyclist Michael T. Combs, 24, Crothersville, could not provide statements to the officers. Three witnesses said they saw the 2010 Ford Fusion being driven by Bridgewater pull out from Lucas St. and strike the 2006 Honda CBR 600 being driven by Combs.

Combs was thrown from the motorcycle, landing in the northbound lanes of U.S. 31. He was treated by Scott County EMS technicians and then transported to Scott Memorial Hospital. From there, he was air-lifted by medical helicopter to University of Louisville Hospital. His current condition is unknown.

The elderly woman was shaken but unharmed.

Ptl. Vires estimated that property damage could be as high as \$10,000.

A few minutes later, Sgt. Watts was pulled from that scene to Wardell and Hazzard Sts. to investigate an injury accident there with Assistant Police Chief Richey Barton.

Drivers were identified as Marcella Griffiths, 68, Scottsburg, and Tammy G. Woods, 55, Scottsburg.

According to the officer's report, Griffiths said she had stopped her 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix at

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the intersection on the side street and then proceeded, not seeing a westbound 2001 Chevy Blazer.

Though neither driver was listed as injured, Woods' passenger, Suzanna J. Henning, 56, Hardinsburg, Ky., experienced back pain. She was treated at the scene by EMS technicians and then transported to the local hospital.

Woods was cited for an infraction.

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