

Three injury accidents investigated on State Road 56 West, State Road 256 since mid-week

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Following too closely, failing to yield to on-coming traffic and driving left of center were reported factors in three recent personal injury accidents that occurred in Scottsburg and Scott County since Wednesday, March 16.

Two accidents on State Road 56, known locally as McClain Avenue in Scottsburg, were reported.

The first mishap occurred at 11:22 a.m. on March 16 about 150 feet west of Park Drive. Sean D. Voyles, 43, LaGrange, Ky., was driving a 2007 Toyota Prius west on the highway. He later told Sgt. Rodney Watts he did not see that a commercial truck owned by Irving Materials had stopped. Employee Stanley L. Brown, 62, Scottsburg, was behind the wheel.

The Prius struck the rear of the large truck.

Voyles was injured, suffering pain in an elbow/lower arm. He was treated at the scene by Scott County EMS technicians.

Approximately \$10,000 in property damage was caused by the accident, according to Sgt. Watts' estimate. He was assisted at the scene by Sgt. Brian Hall and Sgt. Steve Herald.

Deputy Justin Cheatham was dispatched to a crash at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 20, on S.R. 256 East at its intersection with Whitsitt Road.

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Three vehicles were involved in the mishap, a 1995 Geo Prizm operated by Gregory J. Cord, 76, Avon; a 2015 Kia Sedona driven by Raymond Coomer, 80, Scottsburg; and a 2001 Toyota Avalon operated by Russell C. Henson, 42, Austin.

From what Deputy Cheatham learned, the Prizm crossed the center line of the road as Cord was driving west. The left front of the small car struck the left front of the Sedona, causing it to spin and hit Henson's Avalon.

That impact caused the Toyota to run off the south side of the road and down an embankment.

Airbags in the Prizm and Sedona activated, with all of the drivers protected by use of their seat belts and harnesses.

Both Cord and Coomer were transported to Scott Memorial Hospital by Scott County EMS technicians. Cord had what appeared to be a minor head wound, while Coomer suffered a possible injury to his hip/upper leg. Henson was apparently uninjured.

Deputy Cheatham estimated property damage could reach up to \$25,000.

A total of five people were injured in the next mishap, which occurred a minute after 5 p.m. on Sunday at the intersection of S.R. 56 West and I-65 at its northbound ramp.

Sgt. Watts with the Scottsburg Police Department was again in charge of the accident scene. He was assisted by Sgt. Hall and Deputy Rodney Rudder.

The two drivers were identified as Anthony W. Ogle, 21, Louisville, Ky., and Christian S. Wilder, 22, Scottsburg. Ogle was driving a 2007 Dodge Dakota pickup. Wilder and his passengers were in a 2006 Chevy Silverado extended cab pickup.

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According to statements from the drivers and witnesses, Ogle had stopped at the intersection to turn left across the two westbound lanes of S.R. 56 and enter the northbound I-65 ramp. He told Sgt. Watts he didn't see the Silverado coming westbound and he made the turn.

The Silverado struck the passenger side of the Dodge Dakota, knocking it into a guardrail while debris from the impact spewed onto the road surface, stopping all westbound traffic.

Because of the nature of the crash, doors on the Dakota would not work; consequently, Anthony Ogle and his passengers, Kelsey Ogle, 20, Louisville; Steven Dye, 18, Rushville; and Amber Ogle, 18, Brandenburg, Ky., were briefly trapped inside the wreckage of the pickup. They were freed by volunteers with the Scottsburg Volunteer Fire Department.

Anthony Ogle and Amber Ogle suffered minor head wounds. Kelsey Ogle experienced chest pain, while Dye had a possible hip/upper leg injury. A passenger in Wilder's truck, Kailey Slusser, 19, Salem, also experienced pain from a hip/upper leg injury.

Both Kelsey Ogle and Dye were air-lifted from the scene by medical helicopter to University of Louisville Hospital. All of the rest were transported to Scott Memorial after treatment at the scene by Scott County EMS technicians and Scottsburg First Responders.

It took some time to clean up the accident site. Local towing firms assisted and removed the damaged vehicles.

Sgt. Watts estimated that property damage, including the guardrail, could reach up to \$25,000.