

One-car wreck in Scottsburg a 'straight-up' case for police

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When Scottsburg Patrolman Travis L. Rutherford pulled up to a one-car accident on Friday, February 6, near Lake lola, he was treated to an unusual sight.

A white Firebird was suspended nearly 90 degrees by means of a guide wire leading to a nearby utility pole. All four of the car's tires were off the ground, noted. Ptl. Rutherford, and the car was still running and in reverse gear.

Ptl. Rutherford soon learned that no one was inside the car. Some witnesses said a white male ran from the scene.

Efforts by Barger's Wrecker Service and staff of the Scottsburg Electric Department allowed the vehicle to be lowered to the ground as the electrical crew took down the wire. Ptl. Rutherford learned from the license plate that the car was owned by an Elizabethtown, Ky., man.

According to the case report on the incident, the officer was able to locate the name of the owner's employer. That firm was contacted but could give no information except that the man was assumed to be in Scottsburg visiting friends.

No one has come forward yet to claim the car, which was impounded.