

# 11 People Injured In Four Collisions On Brunswick Roads Last Week

Eleven people were injured in four collisions on Brunswick County roadways last week, according to the N.C. Highway Patrol's Wilmington office.

The most recent happened Saturday, June 11, at 12:15 p.m., about 2.5 miles west of Calabash on U.S. 17.

A Florence, S.C., man was traveling south on U.S. 17 in a 1993 Ford when a second vehicle, traveling east on a closed area of U.S. 17 under reconstruction, pulled into his path.

John Willingham, 46, was unable to avoid striking the fender of the 1980 Ford truck operated by Phillip Herriott, 46, of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Trooper D.E. Harvell charged Herriott with a yield violation.

Damage to Willingham's Ford car was estimated at \$7,000, and to Herriott's Ford truck, \$1,000.

Willingham and two of his three passengers, Stephanie Willingham, 30, and David Willingham, 15, were taken to The Brunswick Hospital with complaints of injury. A third passenger was uninjured.

Herriott and a passenger in his truck, Kevin Stanley, 12, of Calabash, were also taken to the hospital with complaints of injury.

Accidents in the Bolivia and Southport areas Friday resulted in a number of serious injuries.

Two drivers received serious, but not incapacitating injuries in a 4:40 p.m. head-on collision three miles north of Bolivia on N.C. 87.

Julie Ann Latta, 23, of Winabow, was charged with improper passing by Trooper T.W. Caulder.

Northbound, Latta was overtaking and passing another vehicle during heavy rain Friday when her 1990 Honda began to slide out of control. It collided head-on with a 1986 Oldsmobile operated by Carolyn Hollins Gilbert, 28, also of Winabow.

Both were transported to New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington.

Damage to Latta's car was estimated at \$4,500, and to Gilbert's, \$4,000.

Four persons were treated at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport Friday following a 9:15 p.m. accident that happened 3.6 miles north of Southport on N.C. 133. No charges were filed.

Anthony Lee Reynolds, 31, of Wilmington, was traveling north on N.C. 133 and stopped to make a left turn onto N.C. 87, according to the report filed by Trooper T.W. Caulder. He was driving a 1986 Ford.

Hal Jeffrey Bridgers, 35, of Southport, was traveling south on N.C. 87 in a 1989 GMC truck when the light changed. He turned to the left, following another vehicle, and pulled into the path of Reynolds' Ford, causing the impact.

Reynolds and Bridgers had complaints of injury. Vicki Normandt, 24, of Wilmington, a passenger in Reynolds' car, and Jennifer Bridgers, 32, of Southport, a passenger in Bridgers' truck, were listed as having sustained serious, non-incapacitating injuries.

Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$3,500, and to the GMC truck, \$2,500.

Both drivers involved in a head-on collision near Leland Thursday were admitted to New Hanover Regional Medical Center with serious, incapacitating injuries, as was a passenger in one of their vehicles.

The wreck occurred at 10:10 p.m. on Fletcher Road (S.R. 1472), reported Trooper D.A. Lewis, and in-

involved Fannie Everette Gainey, 59, of Wilmington, and Casey Nicholas Kennedy, 16, of Leland.

Gainey was driving west on Fletcher Road in a 1975 Ford when she crossed into the eastbound lane in a curve and struck Kennedy's 1989 Toyota truck head-on.

Kennedy attempted to run off onto the shoulder to avoid impact, said Lewis. His vehicle was pushed onto the south shoulder, coming to rest on

its left side.

Lewis charged Gainey with driving while impaired and with driving left of center.

Property damage was estimated at \$800 to Gainey's car and \$6,000 to Kennedy's truck.

Along with the drivers, Kennedy's passenger, Kim Milligan, 15, of Leland, was transported to New Hanover Regional with serious, incapacitating injuries.

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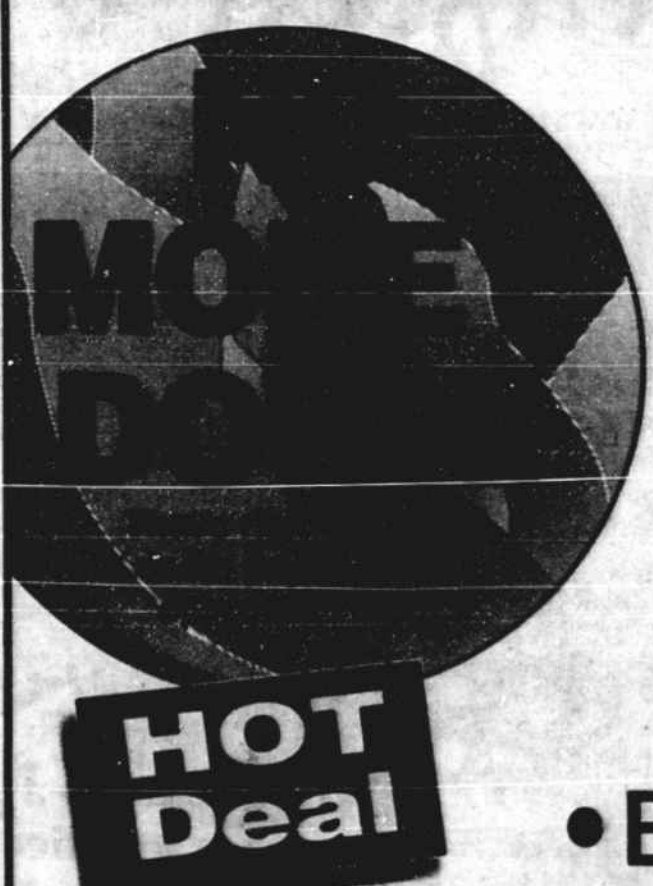


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