

One Calabash Man Killed, Another Charged In Single-Vehicle Accident

A Calabash man died Sunday when the truck in which he was riding overturned and he was thrown to the shoulder.

Killed in the 1:30 a.m. accident on Persimmon Road (S.R. 1167) was Anthony Earl (Tony) Benton, 42, of Calabash. He was a partner in W.E. Benton & Sons.

The driver, Harry Vincent Angel, 30, of Calabash, was charged by the N.C. Highway Patrol with driving while impaired, felony death by vehicle, driving left of center and not wearing a seat belt. He was transported to The Brunswick Hospital with serious but non-incapacitating injuries.

According to the report filed by Trooper H.R. Smith, Angel was traveling east on Persimmon Road when the truck crossed left of the center line, ran off the roadway onto the left shoulder and struck a ditch. It traveled back into the roadway, overturned three times and came to rest on its top on the right shoulder of the road.

Benton, who also was not wearing a seatbelt, was thrown from the vehicle onto the right shoulder.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$9,000.

Four people, including two sitting in a truck parked at a store, were injured in a collision that happened Thursday, July 14, about nine miles west of Shalotte on Whiteville Road (N.C. 130 West).

According to Trooper D.B. Harvell's report, Nancy Griffith, 50, of Winston-Salem was driving east on N.C. 130 in a 1987 BMW and Jody Bowen, 18, of Shalotte, was driving west on N.C. 130 in a 1991 Ford truck.

Bowen pulled into the turn lane to turn left and turned into the path of Griffith's car, with the left fronts of both vehicles colliding. Griffith's car left the roadway and struck a 1984 Chevrolet truck parked in the

lot of a nearby store, while Bowen's vehicle moved back 35 feet in the turn lane.

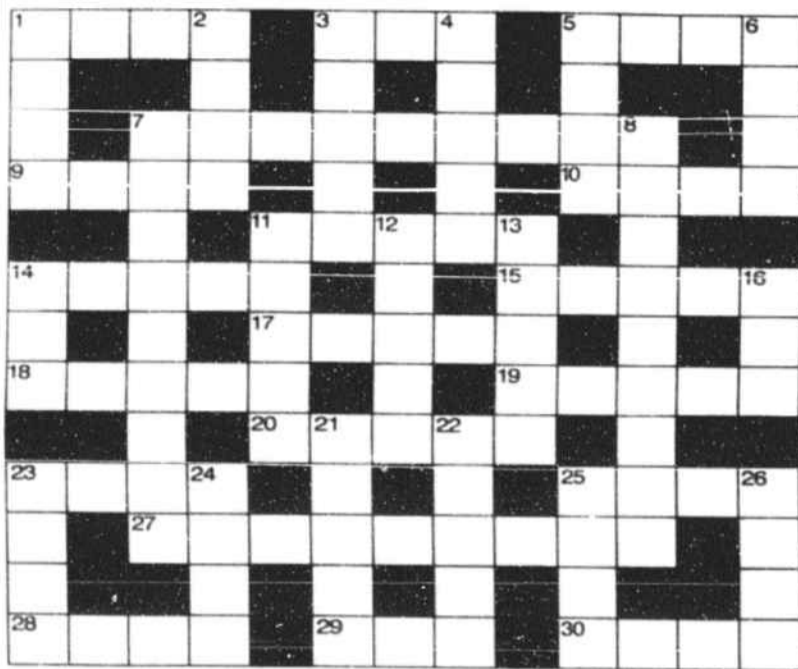
Bowen was charged with making an unsafe movement.

Bowen and Griffith were transported to The Brunswick Hospital with serious, non-incapacitating injuries. The driver of the parked

truck, Jeffrey Stanley, 30, of Whiteville, and his passenger, Ricky Hewett, 34, also of Whiteville, were taken to the same hospital with complaints of injury.

Damage to the vehicles was estimated at \$6,000 to the BMW, \$3,000 to Bowen's Ford and \$1,000 to the Chevy.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Break
3. Douse
5. Victuals
7. Atmospheric instrument
9. Converse
10. Bargain
11. Moor
14. L over
15. Shaft
17. Adder
18. Swell
19. Mannequin
20. Fortunate
23. Throw
25. Cozy
27. Smashed
28. Pay
29. Conducted
30. Tidy

CLUES DOWN

1. Tear
2. Zenith
3. Idler
4. Fold
6. Watch-face
7. Innocent
8. Rebuke
11. Dirty dwelling
12. Savory jelly
13. Robust
14. Fleece
16. For what reason?
21. Pending
22. Massage
23. Melt
24. Footwear
25. Observed
26. Present

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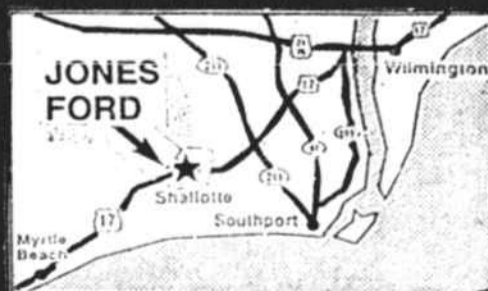
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