

Three Drivers Escape Serious Injuries In Supply Accident

Three drivers escaped serious injuries Friday morning in an accident on U.S. 17 at its intersection with Mt. Pisgah Road (S.R. 1130) about two miles north of Shallotte.

Brian Dee Soba, 16, of Supply, was charged with careless and reckless driving after his car failed to stop at a stop sign and skidded into the path of a truck, according to State Trooper Roy Murray's report.

Soba's 1990 Mitsubishi was traveling east on Mt. Pisgah Road when it came up behind a third vehicle at a stop sign and was unable to stop, Murray reported.

The driver of the stopped vehicle,

Thomas Alan Miles, 16, of Supply, reported a mirror on his 1991 Geo was knocked from his car when the Soba car passed on the right shoulder and skidded onto U.S. 17.

The Soba car was then struck in the right passenger side by a southbound 1988 Ford truck, driven by Bobby Ray Midgett, 36, of Wilmington, Murray reported. The truck was registered to the Coca-Cola Bottling Works Inc. of Wilmington.

Soba received minor injuries but was not taken to the hospital for treatment following the 7:30 a.m. accident. The other drivers were not injured.

Damage was estimated at \$75 to the Miles vehicle, \$13,000 to the Soba car and \$3,500 to the truck.

Car Overturns

Three Ontario residents were injured last Wednesday when a car overturned on Thomasboro Road (SR 1165) about 2.3 miles north of Calabash.

No citations were issued in the 1:30 p.m. accident, Murray reported.

Kelvin J. Martin, 33, of Stratford, Ontario, was traveling north on Thomasboro Road when his 1986 Hyundai ran off the road on the left, ran into a ditch and overturned, Murray reported.

Martin and two passengers, Robert Leader, 39, and Ryn Martin, both of Ontario, each received class B injuries, which are serious but not incapacitating.

They were taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply for treatment.

Damage was estimated at \$3,800.

Two Injured

In another accident Friday morning, two people were injured when a pickup truck collided with a car on U.S. 17 about 2.8 miles north of Shallotte.

The 11 a.m. accident occurred when a 1978 Ford stationwagon driven by Crystal Lynn Cartwright, 21, of Shallotte, had slowed to make a right turn, Trooper J.V. Dove reported.

Her car was struck in the rear by a 1986 GMC pickup driven by Ricky Dan Smith, 20, of Ash, who was charged with following too closely, Dove reported.

Ms. Cartwright and a passenger in the Smith truck, Keith Davis, 23, were taken to The Brunswick Hospital with class B injuries.

Damage was estimated at \$1,000 to each vehicle.



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NO SERIOUS injuries were reported in this accident near Supply Friday morning. The driver of the car was charged with careless and reckless operation, the State Highway Patrol reports.


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THREE ONTARIO residents were injured last Wednesday when this car overturned near Calabash.

Big Sweep Is Saturday

Brunswick County beaches and shorelines across the state should be a little less trashy after this Saturday.

That's when thousands of volunteers are expected to participate in Big Sweep '91, a statewide cleanup of 250 sites including nine in the county.

Volunteers are needed to pick up litter at Sunset Beach, Ocean Isle Beach, Oak Island, Southport and Bald Head Island.

The Holden Beach Beautification Committee is planning a private cleanup, and the Shallotte River Power Squadron will take care of Bird Island.

Participants will be recording what they collect on standard data cards, which will be compiled into a national database in Washington, D.C.

Coordinators use the data to target groups that litter shorelines and need to be educated about the harmful effects of littering.

Organizers of North Carolina's fifth annual cleanup expect more than 20,000 volunteers to help pick up litter at rivers, lakes, beaches and streams this Saturday, according to a sponsoring agency, UNC Sea Grant.

Coordinators offer the following tips for volunteers:

■ Bring gloves to minimize contact with filthy debris.

- Wear closed-toe shoes that can get wet and muddy. Don't go barefooted.
- Wear hats or visors for sun protection.
- Bring insect repellent and sunscreen.
- Wear comfortable, old clothes. Chances are you'll get dirty.
- Bring a canister of water and a small snack.
- Be sure children are accompanied by adults and adequately supervised.
- If you're picking up litter from a boat or canoe, observe safe boating practices and wear a life jacket.
- Do not wade into the water to pick up debris unless you can swim and you know the depth of the water.
- Use the buddy system when picking up litter. It makes collection easier, more fun and safer in case you sustain an injury.
- Do not pick up medical debris, chemical containers or barrels, pesticides or other toxic substances. Tell your site coordinator and they will notify the proper authorities.
- Avoid touching injured animals that may bite or be infected. Again, alert your site coordinator.

For more information on the Big Sweep, call regional coordinator Nancy Pritchett at 762-0965.

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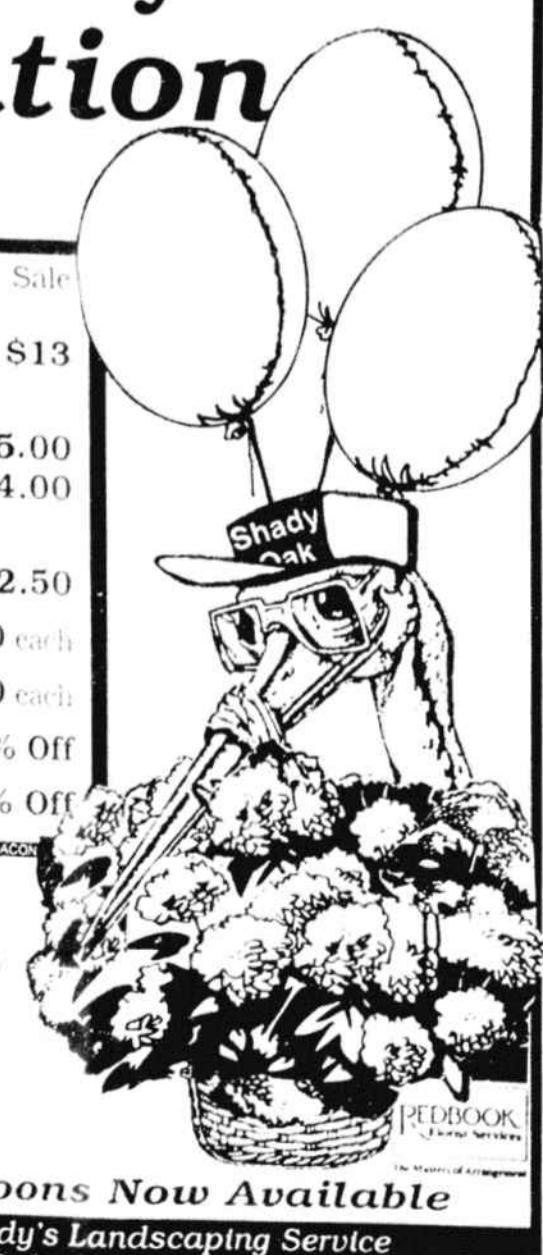
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