

## Injuries in Two Morning Wrecks in Watauga

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Two injury accidents reported in Watauga this morning, including one that blocked traffic on US 421 just north of Boone—four vehicles said to have been involved in that. The wreck occurred just after 8am at the Brushy Fork intersection as an SUV driven by 17-year old Julianna Bond pulling out of Linville Creek Road onto US 421, pulling into the path of a north-bound box truck driven by Russell Hollar of Lenoir. Hollar tried to swerve to miss the SUV, but hit it in the front, then went into the south-bound lane where the Stonehouse Daily Bread truck struck the 2006 Ford Explorer of Kristen Carter head-on, her SUV struck in the rear by the 2011 Dodge SUV of Blaine Cornett, which spun and ended up striking the truck and SUV near the front. Neither Carter nor Cornett, both of Vilas, were hurt, but a passenger in Cornett's vehicle was taken for medical treatment by a family member. Cove Creek Fire/First Responders worked with Watauga Medics on the scene to remove Julianna Bond from her SUV for transport to Watauga Medical Center, while others were checked on the scene. Bond was said to have been admitted in stable condition, according to investigating Trooper T.C. Williams. Watauga Rescue arrived on the scene just as it was determined that no one was pinned in the various vehicles involved. Trooper Williams cited Julianna Bond for Failure to Yield the Right of Way in the crash, although she said she was motioned out into the road by another driver, according to Williams.

The state patrol had one wreck investigation already underway further North of the 421 wreck site, and had to clear that scene while another trooper had to be called out of Caldwell County to help work the wreck.

That earlier wreck was at about 7:20 on Guy Ford Road at the Peoria Road intersection, a two-vehicle accident in which a 9-year old child reportedly suffered an arm injury, but no one was transported from that scene as a paramedic reported that the child did not require ambulance transport.