

## Two Hurt in Early Sunday Morning Wrecks

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There were two overnight accidents with injuries, one involving a man airlifted to the Johnson City Medical Center. The WINGS Air Rescue Flight was called in after 23-year old Rafial Dittman of Roan Mountain Tennessee lost control of his motorcycle traveling toward Boone on US 321 just before 1 this morning. Near the intersection with Ward Branch Road, Dittman's cycle skidded into a guard rail, causing him a serious leg injury, according to Trooper Goldsmith of the State Patrol. Cove Creek Fire/First responders treated Rafial Dittman on the scene, and Watauga Medics called for the air rescue flight, with a landing zone set up on a bridge on US 321. Goldsmith was still investigating the crash early this morning.

While that was going on, another crash occurred just out of Boone on Bamboo Road at Brook Hollow, a police officer either witnessing or arriving at the scene moments after the car crashed off of Bamboo near the rock crusher operation there. He ran down to the car, found the man suffering cuts to the head and other possible injuries, but was more concerned that the sedan was heavily smoking and could be on fire. Boone Fire responded along with Watauga Medics to that, and with the state patrol tied up on the Cove Creek wreck, Boone Police are investigating that crash.