

Two Taken to Hospital After Rear End Collision Near Tweetsie

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A man and a woman were taken to Watauga Medical after a wreck in the northbound lane on Highway 321 in front of Tweetsie Railroad.

According to Trooper Josh Hodges of the North Carolina Highway Patrol, around 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, a 2004 Lexus passenger vehicle was stopped at the red light in front of the theme park when a 1995 Acura passenger vehicle rear ended the Lexus going about 50 miles per hour.

64-year-old Suzanne Marie Williams of Tampa, Florida, was driving the Lexus. Despite being buckled up, she suffered severe whiplash. A passenger in the Lexus, who was also wearing a seatbelt, was uninjured.

18-year-old Thomas Scott Church, of Vilas, was driving the Acura. Church was not buckled up and suffered a concussion.

Both Williams and Church were taken to Watauga Medical Center for treatment.

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Both vehicles were also towed out of the roadway and Trooper Hodges said the Acura was totaled in the crash.

Church was charged with failure to reduce speed and failure to wear a seatbelt.

Blowing Rock Fire and Rescue, the Boone Fire Department, Watauga County Medics, and the N.C. Highway Patrol responded to the scene.