

Charges filed in Motorcycle Accident

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A motorcycle collided with an SUV just after 5 p.m. yesterday near Casa Rustica on Highway 105 in Boone.

Boone Police say charges have been filed against motorcyclist Benjamin Alex Kautz, including failure to reduce speed and reckless driving. 19-year-old Kautz, of Butler Tn., was traveling south when he passed a vehicle and attempted to merge back into the left lane. An SUV driven by 43-year-old Elizabeth Trivett Harmon of Boone had stopped to turn near Bandanas, and Kautz could not reduce his speed in time, police say. Damage to the motorcycle was estimated to be \$6,000. The SUV sustained \$2,000 damage. Kautz was transported to Watauga Medical Center, where he is expected to recover from his injuries.