

Semi Tractor Trailer Accident

On Tuesday August 11th, 2010 at approximately 7:50 pm Ripley County Communications received a 911 call of a semi tractor-trailer overturned on US 50, east of the Versailles State Park entrance. The caller advised communications the driver was trapped inside the semi tractor, along with a female passenger who had sustained serious injuries.

The initial investigation revealed that 44 year-old Mckinley T. Madison of Princeton, In. was operating a 2008 Freightliner Semi Tractor-trailer belonging to KJ Bradley Inc. of Cottontown Tn. Madison stated to Officer's he was traveling westbound on US 50 just west of county road 300 east when he drove into a curve at about 55 mph. Madison said he felt the load in the trailer shift causing him to loose control and flip the semi tractor trailer over onto it's left side.

Madison's passenger 28 year-old Kimberly S. Richardson, who was asleep in the sleeper compartment of the semi at the time of the accident, sustained a laceration above her right eye and an open fracture to her right shoulder. Richardson also of Princeton, In. had to be extricated from the semi by Versailles Fire. Richardson was flown by Stat-Flight from the accident scene to UC Medical center in Cincinnati where she was treated for her injuries.

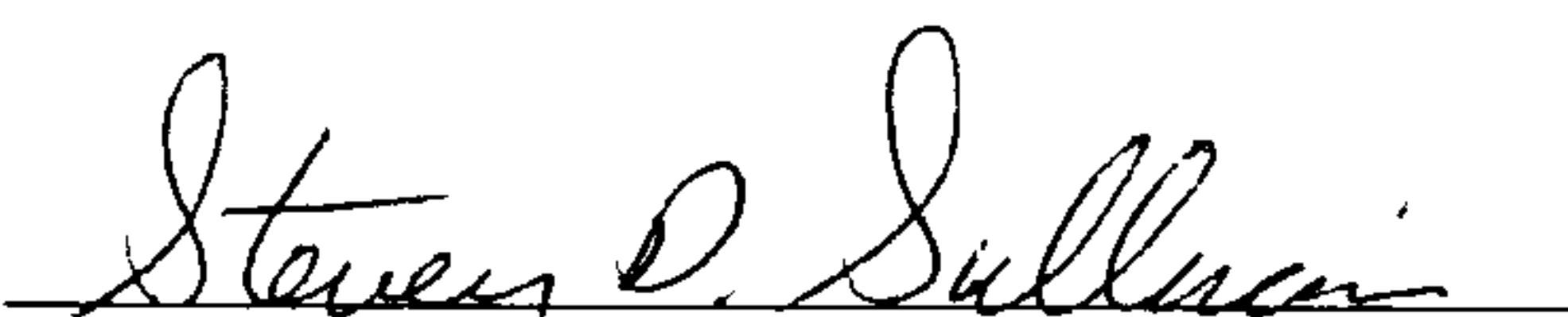
The semi tractor-trailer slid across two eastbound lanes of US 50 striking a guardrail before coming to rest.

The trailer load of bricks had to be removed before the tractor-trailer could be set back up on its wheels. This caused US 50 to be partially shut down until 4:15 am while Davis Towing removed the tractor-trailer.

Milan Rescue 30 transported Madison to Margaret Mary Hospital in Batesville where he was treated and released a short time later.

Officers believe speed was a factor in the accident.

Ripley County Deputy Steve Sullivan is investigating the accident. Deputy Sullivan was assisted at the scene by Ripley County Deputies, Jason Dickerson, Dale Holbert, Andrew Adams, and Ryan Mckitric, Indiana State Police, Versailles PD, Versailles Fire, Ripley County Medic, Rescue 69, Milan Rescue 30.


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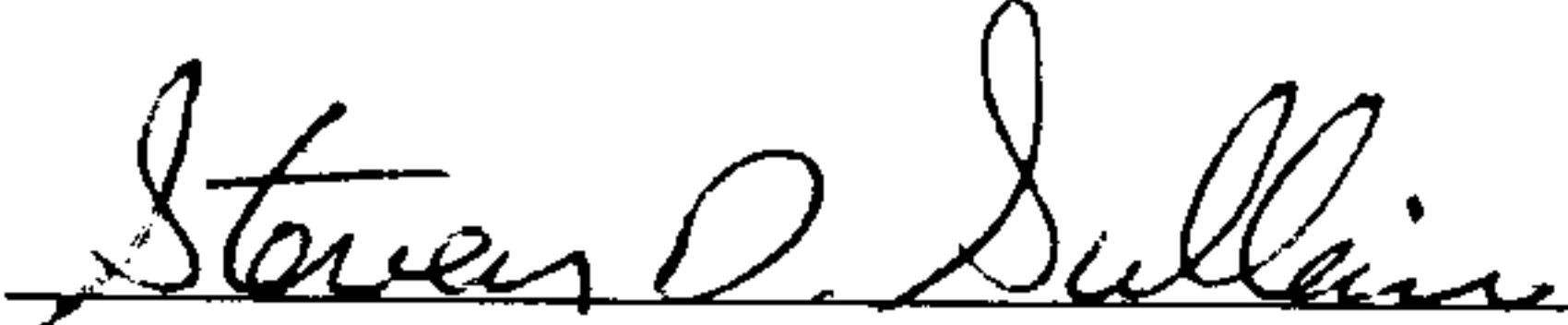
Single Car Accident

On Thursday August 12th, 2010 at about 5:20 pm Ripley County Communications received a 911 call reporting a single vehicle accident on State Road 350 near County Road 100 East near Delaware.

When Ripley County Officers arrived they found 49 year-old Mary E. Hester of Osgood still inside her 1997 Mercury van. Ripley County Medic had already arrived at the accident scene and was treating Hester. Due to Hester's injuries, Officers were unable to get a statement from her.

Evidence at the scene showed that Hester was heading westbound on State Road 350 when she ran off the south side of the road and into a ditch Hester's van struck a driveway embankment causing her van to go air-borne, and coming down nose first on the other side of the driveway. Hester's van rolled over coming to rest on its wheels. Hester was transported to Margaret Mary Hospital by Rescue 69 to be treated for her injuries. Hester was wearing her seat belt at the time of the accident witnesses at the scene stated to Officers that Hester had told them; she had fallen asleep.

Deputy Steve Sullivan is investigating the accident. Assisting at the scene was Ripley County Deputy Jason Dickerson, Milan Deputy Jeremy Ison, Rescue-69, Ripley County Medic, and Osgood Fire


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