

## Three injured in Cow Mountain crash; one arrested for DUI

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THIS STORY HAS BEEN UPDATED.

COW MOUNTAIN &ndash; An early morning collision between a dirt bike and a four-wheeler sent three people to area hospitals and resulted in one arrest for driving under the influence.

The accident was reported to the California Highway Patrol at 6:36 a.m. on the Lake County side of Cow Mountain, according to CHP incident logs.

A report from CHP Officer T.R. Hester explained that Blake Allen Edwards, 20, of Redding was riding a Kawasaki KX4500 dirt bike northbound on a dirt trail in the area of the Red Mountain campground when the accident occurred.

Coming downhill on the trail from the other direction was Colt Samuel Vincent Ross, 21, of Ukiah, who was riding a Yamaha Raptor four-wheel motorcycle at &ldquo;a high rate of speed,&rdquo; Hester reported. Melinda Diane Hicks, 20, of Redding was a passenger on Ross' four-wheeler.

As Edwards was traveling through a curve, he saw Ross fishtailing towards him, Hester reported.

Both vehicles collided head on, according to Hester's report. The collision ejected both men from their motorcycles.

Hicks was airlifted to Santa Rosa Memorial with major injuries, CHP reported. When contacted by Lake County News, the Ukiah CHP office refused to state the extent of Hicks' injuries.

Edwards and Ross both sustained minor injuries. Edwards was taken to Ukiah Valley Medical Center where he was treated and released.

Ross sustained minor head injuries and was taken to Sutter Lakeside. The hospital released him later in the morning.

Hester said Ross failed a field sobriety test at the collision scene. Ross was arrested after his release from the hospital for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs causing injury, in this case to Edwards and Hicks. Ross was booked into the Lake County Jail on \$10,000 bond. He bailed out of jail later on Wednesday.

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