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100 mph crash



This motorcycle slid on Highway 30 and plunged over an embankment Monday after crashing at what state trooper Jimmy Jones estimates was more than 100 mph.

James Clark photos

State trooper in disbelief after motorcycle rider walks away

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

A motorcycle rider who wrecked while running from the law at speeds over 100 mph amazingly walked away from the crash Monday afternoon.

"I figured he was dead," said state trooper Jimmy Jones, who said he reached a top speed of 131 mph during the two-county chase. "It's unbelievable he came out of this with so few injuries."

Robert Langford, 42, was taken first to Saint Thomas River Park and then to Warren County Jail after his crash on Spencer Highway around 12:30 p.m. Monday. Langford faces charges of evading arrest, reckless driving, and driving on a revoked license. Trooper Jones says he also has warrants on him from Franklin County, although he had been living here recently.

Langford not only survived the wreck, he came out of it running.

"I stopped my car and figured there was no way he could have survived," said Jones. "I looked over to try to spot him and he's up and running. He was limping, but he was running. He looked up at me and said, 'I think I broke my foot.' I pulled my gun on him and said, 'A lot more is going to be broke if you don't get on the ground.'"



Bound by handcuffs, Robert Langford is placed in the back of an ambulance Monday.

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Duane Sherrill photo

A lineman works to restore power to 28 residents who lost power following a Monday morning wreck on Viola Road.

Donut blamed after SUV snaps utility pole

BY **DUANE SHERRILL**
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Three people escaped serious injury Monday morning when an SUV struck and splintered a utility pole on Viola Road, the wreck caused by a bald spare tire on the vehicle.

The driver, Ayla Keller, and passenger, Michael Newby, were treated at Saint Thomas River Park Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. A young child was not transported by ambulance.

The crash happened just inside the city limits on Viola Road near the entrance to Mountain Green subdivision. According to highway patrol-

man Brent Collier, Keller was rounding a curve, heading toward town, in her 2005 Chrysler SUV when she lost control.

The vehicle ran into a ditch, prompting her to overcorrect and cross the highway. The SUV then slammed head-on into a utility pole, splintering it before continuing down the ditch line where it came to rest.

The trooper said an examination of the spare tire the van was using showed it was worn and likely contributed to her losing control in the curve.

"The donut couldn't handle the curve," trooper Collier said. "Donut tires are meant to be used temporarily, not as a permanent fix."

Inside today

The Standard has published a 16-page special section packed with helpful tips for improving mind and body.



High achievers honored during Chamber banquet

On a night when Chamber president Mandy Eller outlined the organization's continued vision for the community, four awards were presented to recognize personal and business contributions.

Honored Monday during the Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet at McMinnville Civic Center were:

- Distinguished Citizen -- Lisa Harvey
- Free Enterprise Award -- Litewire
- Edwin Partin Retailer of the Year -- Tiger Lily Boutique
- Volunteer of the Year -- Holly McBride.

Eller said selecting award recipients is a thorough process.

"Each award has its own unique committee, most of which involves the previous year's winner, who submits nominations for discussion and a vote," said Eller.

"They did an outstanding job this year," she continued. "They chose individuals who have made significant contributions to the most vulnerable in our society with Lisa Harvey and Holly McBride. They also chose entrepreneurs who are changing the face of McMinnville and represent our future with Litewire and Tiger Lily Boutique."

For more coverage of the Chamber banquet, see page 4B.



Attorney Michael Galligan presents the Chamber of Commerce's annual Distinguished Citizen Award to Lisa Harvey for her work with Hamilton Street Activity Center. Harvey was one of four award recipients Monday night at McMinnville Civic Center. Galligan was last year's winner. For a recap of Monday night's event, see page 4B.

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