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Two Injured in Accident

During a tornado warning issued for Pulaski County, SPD Officer William Cowan drove upon an injury accident while warning residents to seek shelter from bad weather.

The investigation revealed a 1996 Chevrolet pickup was northbound on KY 2227 north of McKee Street and Derek Smith, age 21 of Somerset was driving.

Smith began skidding on the rain-slickened highway, lost control, and entered the opposite lane of traffic.

Smith's vehicle was struck broadside by a 2006 Dodge van, driven by Darlene Blair, age 60, of Nancy, which was southbound on KY 2227.

Smith was trapped in his vehicle and had to be extricated. Both drivers were treated at the scene and transported to the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital by the Somerset Fire/EMS.

Smith was later flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center by AirEvac.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident, which occurred at 2:39 PM.

The accident is under investigation by Accident Reconstruction Unit Officers Jeff Girdler and Eric Moore.