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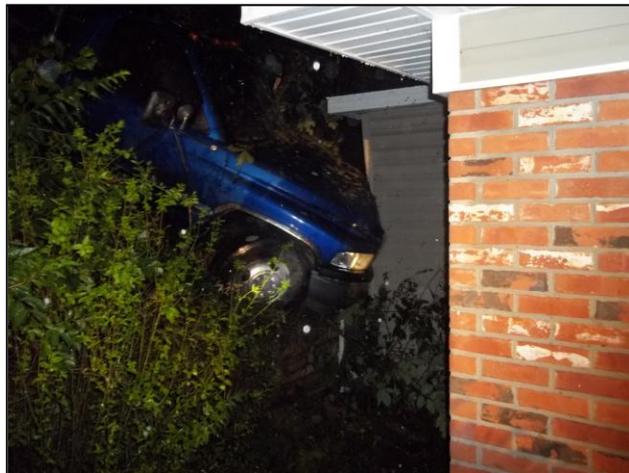
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Sgt. Donald Durst reported that on August 11, 2012, at 10:17 pm, units from the Lake County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to 6285 Ravenna Road in Concord Township for an injury motor vehicle accident. Dispatch reported that a vehicle had physically struck the residence at the above address.

The investigation found that Ryan W. Spofford, a 21 year old male from Newbury, Ohio was operating his 1997 Dodge "dually" pick-up truck. He was travelling northbound on Ravenna Road, just south of Auburn Road in Concord Township. This is an uphill curved portion of Ravenna Road, and it was raining heavily at the time of the accident. Mr. Spofford lost control on the uphill curve, and his vehicle went off the right (east) side of Ravenna road and struck a traffic sign. The vehicle continued off the right side of the road striking several trees in this heavily wooded area. The



The vehicle was also now going down the steep embankment which begins just off of the roadway in this location. The vehicle continued through the underbrush and trees downhill, and finally struck the southwest corner of the residence located at 6285 Ravenna Road, which is situated at the base of the embankment. The vehicle travelled approximately 75 feet off of the roadway, downhill.

The resident of 6285 Ravenna was home at the time and reported the crash. He was not injured. The siding of the home was only slightly damaged, but further inspection will have to be done to determine if the underlying structure suffered damage. There was no visible structural damage that could be seen at the time of the crash.

The investigation also showed that Mr. Spofford reported that he was talking on his cell phone at the time of the crash. He was transported to Hillcrest Hospital by Concord Twp. Rescue for reported neck and back pain. This crash is still under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

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