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One hurt in pickup truck crash



A Dixie County Fire Services Engine is seen in the foreground as an ambulance and other emergency vehicles are in the background.

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DIXIE COUNTY -- One man was injured in a single-vehicle crash Thursday afternoon (Jan. 4) in Dixie County, the FHP said.

Anthony Davis, 31, of Old Town was driving a 2003 GMC Sierra at 12:41 p.m., according to a press release from Florida Highway Patrol Lt. P.V. Riordan, based on information from crash investigator FHP Trooper R. Brown.

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The GMC pickup truck is seen resting where it hit a tree.



First responders speak with each other about the incident.

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A woman at the scene of the crash questions whether a journalist is allowed to take pictures on a public road at a crash scene. She was informed that this is a relatively common practice that is allowed in the United States of America.



A member of the Dixie County Sheriff's Office Citizens On Patrol (COP) directs traffic around the emergency vehicles at the scene of the crash.

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These COP volunteers serve Dixie County Sheriff Dewey H. Hatcher Sr. They donate their own vehicles and time to help the DCSO at accidents, funerals, big public gatherings and in other matters.

Davis was parked on the south shoulder of Northeast 592nd Street, north of Old Town and approximately 50 feet southeast of U.S. Highway 19, the FHP said.

For some unknown reason, the FHP said, Davis accelerated the pickup truck and drove it to the northeast, crossing both travel lanes of Northeast 592nd Street, the FHP said, where the truck then went onto the north shoulder colliding into a tree.

The driver was using a seatbelt, the FHP said. Alcohol is not a factor in this accident, the FHP said.

Davis was transported by Dixie County Fire Rescue to Shands Hospital in Gainesville, the FHP said, with serious injuries.

Charges are pending completion of the accident investigation, the FHP said.