



A Pontiac Torrent struck a local ambulance with its siren activated and en route to a call the afternoon of Feb. 18. *Linda Drake Photo*

Ambulance involved in two-vehicle wreck

An Andrews woman was injured the afternoon of Feb. 18 when her vehicle hit an ambulance that was en route to a call, according to police.

The accident involved a 2008 Pontiac Torrent driven by 54-year-old Maria Tarango and an Andrews ambulance being driven by 26-year-old Genifer Hobbs.

Police said Tarango was traveling south on Mustang Dr. and failed to yield right-of-way to the ambulance at the intersection with Broadway. The ambulance was traveling east on E. Broadway with its lights and siren activated when it was struck in the left panel by the Pontiac's front end.

Tarango sustained minor injuries and was cited for failure to yield right-of-way to an emergency vehicle and failure to carry a driver's license.

Hobbs and a passenger in the ambulance, 47-year-old Joyce Boren, were not injured.

The Pontiac was towed from the accident scene and the ambulance was driven away. Police estimated more than \$1,000 in damage.

Police also investigated a two-vehicle accident the evening of Feb. 18 that resulted in injuries to several passengers in a church van following a concert at the Andrews County Expo Arena.

The accident occurred in the 800 block of E. Broadway at about 10:15 p.m. when a 2007 Nissan Titan truck

driven by 37-year-old Angela Marie Holsey of Snyder hit a Ford F-350 van from behind. Both vehicles were traveling west in the outside lane of E. Broadway when the impact occurred. The van belongs to the Church of the Nazarene in Hobbs and its occupants had attended the Newsboys concert that night. The driver, 29-year-old Benjamin Yocom, was not injured, but four of the nine occupants were transported to Permian Regional Medical Center by Andrews EMS for treatment of minor injuries.

Those injured included 18-year-old Leandra Vowle, 15-year-old Katie Hainy, 13-year-old Mekeney Solomon and Mariah Jones.

Police cited Holsey for failure to control speed. More than \$1,000 in damage occurred, police estimated.

An accident the morning of Feb. 24 resulted in a 2001 Buick Park Avenue striking a residence at 718 SW 8th St. and coming to rest halfway through the wall, according to police.

The Buick was initially traveling east in the 900 block of SW Ave. I before tuning north into the residence's backyard through a fence, and then striking the residence, police said.

There was no driver on scene when police arrived, while the vehicle's registered owner is Sarah N. Garcia of Andrews.

The fence and residence is owned by Jason Eubank.

Police estimated more than \$1,000 in damage.

A separate accident that occurred the evening of Feb. 18 involved a vehicle hitting a legally parked pickup in the northeast part of town and an Andrews man being arrested for driving while intoxicated.

The mishap involved a 2000 Ford Mustang driven by 49-year-old Jesus Lujan and a parked 1986 Ford F-150 pickup. Police said Lujan was traveling south in the 800 block of NE. 3rd and due to driver inattention his vehicle struck the back left panel of the pickup, which was legally parked facing south against the west curb line. Lujan was arrested for driving while intoxicated on a substance other than alcohol, according to police.

The pickup is owned by Osvaldo Garcia of Odessa. Police estimated more than \$1,000 in damage occurred.

A two-vehicle accident the afternoon of Feb. 22 in northeast Andrews resulted in minor damage and no injuries.

The wreck involved a 1998 Dodge Dakota driven by 36-year-old Eliza Margarita Natividad of Andrews and a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado pickup being driven by 35-year-old Nidia Hernandez of Andrews.

Police said the accident occurred when both vehicles were traveling north in the 400 block of NE Mustang Dr. when the Dodge slowed

to almost a stop for a vehicle making a left turn and was struck from behind by the Silverado. Police cited Hernandez for failure to control speed. Less than \$1,000 in damage occurred, police estimated.

Police also investigated a hit-and-run type accident the morning of Feb. 22 in a business parking lot. The mishap involved a 2011 Ford F-250 pickup belonging to Richard Victor Sandell of Andrews and parked in a private lot being struck on the left panel by an unknown vehicle.

The driver left the scene in the vehicle. Police estimated more than \$1,000 in damage.

Jail Log (alleged offenses)—

- 2-25 Eric Ray Bernard, 32, driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense;
- 2-25 Jeremy Lee Rogers, 33, (Potter Co.) recklessly causing bodily injury;
- 2-23 John Russell Woodard, 34, (Randall Co.) driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more, \$2,500 bond;
- 2-25 Laura Joanne Garza, 46, possession of dangerous drug, \$5,000 bond;
- 2-25 Alejo Castillo Saldana Jr., 21, driving under the influence of alcohol minor, 3rd enhancement, \$1,000 bond;
- 2-18 Jesus Lujan Jr., 49, driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense, \$5,000 bond;
- 2-25 Dustin James Ellison, 31, manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, \$10,000 bond;
- 2-25 Ralph Dewayne Savell, 23, motion to revoke probation, driving while intoxicated, motion to revoke probation, criminal mischief more than \$50 less than \$500;
- 2-25 Mandy Harvey, 28, motion to revoke probation, harassment, speeding;
- 2-25 Troy Stallings, 23, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle;
- 2-26 Walter Ray Randle, 50, (Concho Co.) theft by check;
- 2-27 Jessica Lee Ortiz, 19, minor consuming alcohol;
- 2-27 Melvin Eugene Williams, 56, (Travis Co.) theft by check more than 20 less than 500;
- 2-27 Victoria Bobbie Perez, 31, possession of a controlled substance, 1>=1g<4g;
- 2-27 Louisa Ann Trevino, 32, failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear, no motor vehicle inspection, violation of a promise to appear;
- 2-26 Michael Anthony Davila, 22, credit or debit card abuse;
- 2-27 Kelvin Cregg Stewart, 51, possession of a controlled substance, Pg. 1<1g, in a drug free zone, silent abusive call to 911 service.

Vandalism acts investigated

On Thurs., Feb. 21, Officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of N.E. 4th place in reference to an incident of criminal mischief involving a vehicle. The complainant stated that someone had slashed one of the tires on his pickup and poured sugar in his fuel tank. The complainant told officers that the tire was worth \$250 and said that he would have to drop the fuel tank and clean it out. The officers will attempt to contact the suspect and the investigation will continue.

Officers were dispatched on Feb. 23 to the 1000 block of SW 5th St. in reference to a report of criminal mischief. A complainant told officers that her grandson asked what was wrong with his truck. She walked outside and both left side windows and the left mirror were damaged. She said there was a brick lying a few feet from the truck. Officers asked if the grandson had any problems with anyone—he said a boy at school. A report was made and officers said that if there were any more problems, contact the police department.



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