

PERSONAL-INJURY ACCIDENTS

TICONDEROGA — A Ticonderoga woman was in stable condition at Fletcher Allen Health Care Wednesday night after she lost control of her car on Route 9N and crashed into a tree. According to Ticonderoga police, Pamela Grogan, 49, lost control of her Dodge Neon while swerving to avoid a deer on Route 9N around 6 p.m. Wednesday evening.

She was airlifted to the Burlington hospital with a head injury after the crash.

SARANAC LAKE — A Lake Clear woman complained of back pain after she lost control of her car on County Route 18 Wednesday afternoon.

According to Ray Brook-based State Police, Melinda Fink, 47, was rushed to the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake after she lost control of her SUV and crashed into a tree around 1:45 p.m.

Hospital officials were unable to release her condition Wednesday night.

Police reports indicated Fink swerved off the road to avoid an animal in the road and no tickets were issued in the crash.

SCHUYLER FALLS — Two people were injured in a three-car accident in Schuyler Falls Tuesday afternoon.

State Police based in Plattsburgh said Jennifer L. Benjamin, 23, of Plattsburgh was stopped at the intersection of the Military Turnpike Extension and Salmon River Road, facing south, just before 2 p.m.

At the same time, Paula Bombard, 50, of Peru was facing north on Military Turnpike Extension at the same intersection.

Benjamin told troopers she didn't see Monica Rix, 24, of Plattsburgh driving west on Salmon River Road, so she pulled out onto Salmon River Road.

Rix's car hit Benjamin's car, which continued south and struck Bombard's vehicle.

Rix complained of pain in her knee, lower leg and foot pain and was treated at CVPH Medical Center and sent home. Bombard told police she had chest pain, but CVPH had no record of her being treated.

State Police ticketed Benjamin for failure to yield the right-of-way.

AUSABLE — An AuSable Forks teen was slightly injured in an accident early Tuesday.

State Police said Gilian B. Finsterer, 19, was driving east on Route 9N in AuSable Forks when her car spun out of control, crossed into the opposite lane, hit a guiderail and came to rest facing west.

She was treated at CVPH Medical Center and discharged.

Finsterer was ticketed for failure to reduce speed for special hazards.

FELONY ARRESTS

LAKE PLACID — A North Carolina native faces four drug-related felony charges after he was arrested on a warrant Sunday morning. According to Lake Placid Police, Kim Carter was arrested on a warrant issued from Essex County Court and is now facing charges of second-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance and two counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance.

The drug sale and possession charges were the result of an ongoing investigation by the Essex County Drug Task Force, which is comprised of members of the Lake Placid Police, Saranac Lake Police, State Police, Ticonderoga Police, Essex County Sheriff's Department and the

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Federal DEA, working in conjunction with the Essex County District Attorney's Office. Carter was arraigned before Judge Richard Meyer following his arrest and was remanded to the county jail on \$50,000 bail.

PRISON DISTURBANCE

RAY BROOK — The Press-Republican received reports of a disturbance at the Ray Brook federal prison early Wednesday afternoon. According to the reports, there were transports to the hospital after the reported violent incident. Prison

officials did not return repeated calls to confirm that report.

Hospital officials and State Police could not comment on any incident that may have occurred at the local facility.

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