

## Several Injury Crashes Over Weekend

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office responded to three different crashes resulting in injuries from July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup>. The first occurred on July 4<sup>th</sup> shortly after 5 PM when Jamie Denniston, 28, of Staples, was traveling southbound on Airport Rd near 130<sup>th</sup> St when her vehicle left the roadway and collided with a power pole. Denniston was taken to Lakewood Health System in Staples with non-life threatening injuries. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the Staples Police Department, Todd County Sheriff's Office, Staples Ambulance, Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative, and Scott's Southtown Towing.

The second crash occurred later the same night when a vehicle driven by Paul Mathieu, 42, of Perham, collided with a deer on County Road 9 near Highway 71. The collision resulted in several airbag deployments inside the vehicle and a female passenger, also of Perham, sustained injuries from the crash. She was taken to Perham Hospital with non-life threatening injuries by Tri-County Ambulance. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was also assisted on scene by the Sebeka Fire Department and Little Bear Towing from Perham.

The third crash occurred on July 6<sup>th</sup> when Rocky Larson, 40, of Harris, MN lost control of a dirt bike on 141<sup>st</sup> Ave in Leaf River Township. Harris lost control of the bike and was thrown off where he sustained his injuries. Harris was transported to Tri-County Hospital with unknown injuries.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office does not believe speed or alcohol were a factor in any of the crashes over the long weekend.