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Two accidents three days apart last week left three vehicles totaled and two people with injuries, according to a report from the Chase County Sheriff's Office.

Champion was the scene of a late night accident June 10 when a near head-on collision occurred about 10:30 p.m.

Sheriff Kevin Mueller said Brittany Johnson, 22, of Imperial was driving a 2001 Olds four-door sedan west on 2nd Street and was in the process of turning left onto Chase St., when she collided with a pickup driven by Patrick Kelly, 57, of Champion.

The sheriff said Johnson was unable to judge the speed of Kelly's 1997 Ford F350 pickup as it traveled east on 2nd St., as she was making her turn.

Sheriff Mueller said both Kelly's and Johnson's vehicles were totaled, and Johnson was taken by ambulance to Chase County Community Hospital with reported minor injuries. She was wearing her seat belt, according to the report.

No citations have been issued at this time, the sheriff said. The accident remains under investigation.

On Friday, a one-vehicle rollover accident six miles south on Ave. 331 called both the Imperial EMS and fire department about 3:20 p.m.

Sheriff Mueller said Dawn Collins, 37, of Imperial was the lone passenger in a 2006 Chevy Malibu owned by Felicia Molder of Grant.

Collins, a Harchelroad Motors employee, was test driving the vehicle to determine a mechanical problem, the sheriff said, and apparently lost control as she traveled north on the county road. The vehicle went into the west ditch and rolled multiple times.

High winds that afternoon in the area may have been a contributing factor, he said. Collins sustained injuries and was taken to the hospital by ambulance after being extricated by the IVFD's jaws equipment. The Malibu was also totaled in the rollover accident.