



# Owensboro Police Department

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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

**OFFICE:** Public Information Office  
**DATE OF RELEASE:** September 14, 2016  
**REPORT NUMBER:** 16-85933  
**SUBJECT:** Collision  
**RELEASED BY:** Officer Michael Hathaway (270) 316-8575

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Owensboro Police Department was dispatched to the 2500 block of Highway 144 in reference to a vehicle collision involving injuries.

Once on scene, officers determined that a westbound vehicle crossed the center line and entered the eastbound lanes; that vehicle struck an eastbound passenger car and then struck a utility pole. The electrical lines became a hazard to other vehicles and pedestrians. Highway 144 between Commerce Drive and Pleasant Valley Road was closed.

At the time of this release, the westbound lanes were reopened; crews remain on scene to complete the repairs to the utilities before the eastbound lanes can be opened.

The driver and passenger of the westbound vehicle were charged as noted below.

Driver –  
Robert Shadwick  
27

Owensboro, KY

Charges-

Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of Alcohol/Drugs 1<sup>st</sup> – Class B  
Misdemeanor

Possession of a controlled substance 1<sup>st</sup> Deg, 1<sup>st</sup> Off (Methamphetamine) – Class  
D Felony

Drug paraphernalia Buy/possess – Class A Misdemeanor

**Passenger –  
Keelie Benningfield  
18**

**Owensboro, KY**

**Charges –**

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