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Deputy Involved in Crash with Drunk Driver Released From Hospital



Martin Centeno

A Millington man remains at the Shelby County Jail today for crashing his pickup truck into a Sheriff's Deputy's squad car last night. Martin Centeno, 43, of Millington, faces charges of Driving Under the Influence and Failure to Exercise Due Care following the two-vehicle crash in North Shelby County.

Just after 7 o'clock, Deputy Charles Wallace was driving to a home in the 4500 block of Cedar Leaf Cove. An ambulance had been called for a sick infant.

Due to the rainy weather, Deputy Wallace did not turn on his blue lights or siren. As he drove south on Raleigh-Millington Road near Sykes Road, Centeno's pickup truck, going north on Raleigh-Millington Road, suddenly turned left and crashed into the driver's side door of the squad car.

The impact sent the cruiser off the road and into a field. Deputy Wallace suffered a cut to his head which required several stitches. He was released last night a couple of hours after the crash.

Investigators determined Centeno had been drinking. A Metro DUI Squad Deputy said Centeno's blood alcohol content was **.134**. Those driving **.08** are considered impaired. Centeno was not hurt and there were no passengers in his truck.

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