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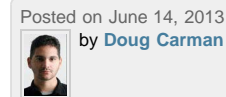
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Posted on June 14, 2013
by Doug Carman

Three people, including an infant, were transported to Medical Center Hospital with unknown injuries after a red car collided with a Francis Drilling Fluids 18-wheeler in front of the Love's truck stop in Odessa late Friday.



Edyta Blaszczyk | Odessa American

A red sedan can be seen heavily damaged from a collision with a semi-truck on West County Road and the south service road of Interstate 20 near the Love's Travel Stop late Friday night. Odessa Police reported that three people were transported to a hospital. There is no word on their conditions.



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Police were still investigating the crash by 12:45 a.m. Saturday. Odessa Police Lt. Wes Carta said at the scene that all info was preliminary, and they did not immediately have the identities of any of the three crash victims. All that was known at the time was that both the truck and the car were headed north on South West County Road toward the I-20 intersection when they collided, Carta said.

The scene unfolded along more than half the length of the truck stop, with a streak of oil and a field of debris starting at Love's south entrance and ending about 300 feet north, by the truck stop's north entrance. There, the red car sat partially underneath the front of the trailer, its front end smashed in, its hood crumpled and its front axle bent out of place.

Police and firefighters were called to crash at about 11 p.m. Friday.

According to both police radio traffic and witnesses at the scene, someone attempted CPR on the infant, though Carta said he couldn't immediately confirm this information. Carta said a second person was taken out of the car on a backboard. It wasn't immediately known if the truck's driver was injured.

Chris Jackson, who was entering the convenience store at the time of the crash, said he heard a loud boom and saw smoke coming from the side of the truck. From his angle, he couldn't immediately tell a second vehicle was involved.

"I thought he had a blowout or something," Jackson said.

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Jackson said he soon saw someone take a baby out of the severely damaged car and begin CPR.

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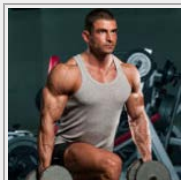
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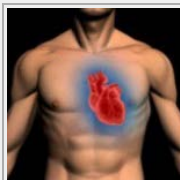
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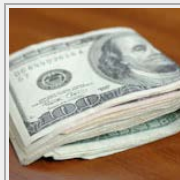
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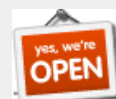
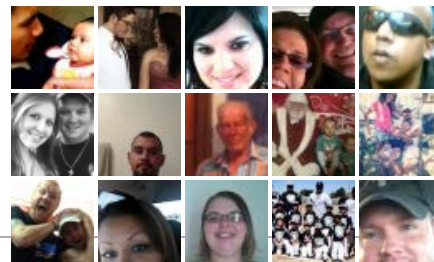
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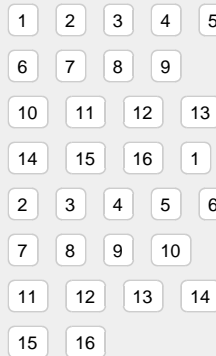
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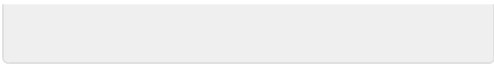
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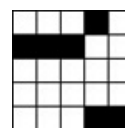


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I'm against it. People just need to learn to be safer.



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