

Overtaken Semi Closes Road for Hours

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Early Monday morning, October 29th, a Westmoreland teenager was operating a 1994 Ford Ranger when he apparently pulled directly into the path of a 1997 Peterbilt tractor-trailer, loaded with soybeans, at the intersection near Westside Elementary.

Owned by Roger Williamson, the semi broadsided the truck, swerved and overturned, scattering the cargo everywhere, which closed the road for several hours. Fifty-year-old Jimmy Love, of Hartsville, was driving the big rig that was headed to Franklin, Kentucky.

Investigating officer THP Trooper Gerald Carter, said that the accident occurred approximately around 7:15 a.m. and it took several hours to remove the soybeans from the road. "The teenage driver said he didn't see the approaching tractor-trailer when he pulled out onto Highway 52 West," said the Trooper. "However, charges are pending."

No injuries were reported. We are not printing the name of the teenage driver.

Responding agencies included the Macon County Sheriffs Department, Macon County EMS, Tennessee Highway Patrol, and Rescue Squad. The Macon County Chronicle also reported to the crash site.