

Man Injured in Logging Accident

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A Macon County man who was critically injured in a logging accident early Thursday morning, May 30, is now listed in stable condition at Vanderbilt Medical Center, according to hospital spokesperson, Paula Jones, on Monday afternoon.

Ricky Hooten was logging on Driver Road, several miles outside of town, off the Galen Road. He went to top a tree that had been cut down, and another tree on the hillside fell on him. A member of the rescue squad said the other tree just simply uprooted and Ricky didn't know what hit him.

Emergency personnel were called to carry Ricky out of the woods, load him in the ambulance and then transfer him to the waiting helicopter, which had landed in a nearby field.

Hooten, who lives in the Goosehorn area, was airlifted to Vanderbilt Medical Center where he was first listed in critical condition.

Responders were: Macon County Sheriffs Office, Macon County Rescue Squad, Macon County EMS, Air Evac and the *Macon County Chronicle*.