

## 2014/01/02 - Columbus

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On January 2, 2014, I was involved in a serious injury accident while working freeway patrol. I was dispatched to the area of 71 SB at E. N. Broadway, where I located a vehicle that had slid off the roadway and was perpendicular to the freeway. I activated my rear beacons and pulled in front of the disabled vehicle. I was standing on the passenger side of the disabled vehicle and was talking to the driver to see if he had a wrecker on the way when, (that's all I remember) I was knocked out and when I came to I was pinned under a car.

The witness said I was talking to him, when the at-fault car struck the left front of his vehicle. The collision caused me to be struck by the disabled vehicle, thrown then dragged and pinned by his car. I was unconscious for a short time and when I came to several people were trying to help me. The at-fault driver kept apologizing for the accident. I was pinned under the car and had to wait for Medics to free me.

I sustained serious injuries out of the incident, to include a concussion, lacerated scalp, nerve damage to the left arm, fractured vertebrae and ribs, a broken ankle which had to be surgically repaired. I had numerous surgeries and a year and half of physical therapy. I was able to return to full duty 22 months after the accident but I had to leave the street and take a position inside. I had worked the streets for 28 years and I loved it so it was hard mentally to go inside and work at a desk job.

I included the accident report and also WBNS did a story on me January 2016, when the case went to trial. They may have a copy. I don't remember where I put my copy. If you need anything else let me know. Just gave you a short version.

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