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### **TRAFFIC COLLISIONS HAMPER TRAVEL ON HWY 278**

Multiple collisions today caused traffic congestion on HWY 278 today.

It started this morning at 0800 hours when a two vehicle collision occurred at HWY 278 and Buckwalter Parkway. The driver of a Kia, Tangian Fair, was traveling eastbound in the fast lane of HWY 278 approaching the intersection of Buckwalter Parkway when the light began changing. Fair started slowing down when her vehicle was rear ended by a Toyota driven by Lou Mitchell. Fair and two passengers in her vehicle were transported to an area hospital with minor injuries. Traffic was congested for approximately one hour.

Around 0848 hours there was a minor collision on HWY 278 again near the Buckwalter Parkway. Two vehicles brushed bumpers causing very minor damage. Both vehicles pulled off the road and created no traffic delay. There were no injuries reported.

At 1240 hours a two vehicle collision occurred on HWY 278 before Simmonsville Road. The driver of a Chevy SUV, Jack McDonald, was traveling eastbound in the slow lane of HWY 278 approaching the intersection of Simmonsville Road when the light began to change. McDonald started slowing down when his vehicle was rear ended by a Honda driven by Jose Jimenez. The Honda's front end was completely under the rear of the Chevy. No one was injured in this collision. Traffic was congested for approximately 35 minutes.

Motorists are encouraged to pay attention to the road, slow down, and provide enough room between vehicles.