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Police Looking for Hit and Run Suspect

Gastonia Police are looking for a suspect vehicle involved in a hit and run on I-85 today. Police are looking for a 1980s model light blue pickup truck driven by a white male with long brown hair. The suspect truck had a handicapped placard hanging from the rearview mirror.

The hit and run occurred at 12:53 p.m. today at the I-85 southbound exit 21 (Cox Road) off ramp. The suspect truck hit a GMC pickup truck driven by Ginger Barlett of Gastonia who had her daughter, Jillian, traveling with her as a passenger. The GMC flipped two or three times and landed on top of a 2005 Nissan Altima driven by Mysteria Ownby of Kings Mountain. All three were taken to Gaston Memorial Hospital where they were being treated for their injuries. The incident was cleared at 2:08 p.m.

Anyone with information that could help identify the suspect vehicle and driver are asked to call Gastonia Officer E.S. Wiggins at (704) 854-6643.

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