

Railroad workers in Wood Co. struck by car

Driver ignores construction barriers in Bradner, injures 3

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BRADNER, Ohio - Three railroad workers who were working at a crossing were struck today by a car that went around construction barricades on Bradner Road, just south of the village, the Wood County Sheriff's Office said.

Paul Castle, 34, of Paintsville, Ky., Luis Knott III, 58, of Banner, Ky., and Jim Conley, 58, of Findlay, who are CSX Transportation employees, were hit about 11:20 a.m. by a vehicle driven by Cory R. Rickard, 26, of Woodville, deputies said.

Mr. Castle was taken to Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, where he was listed in critical condition. Mr. Conley, Mr. Knott, and Mr. Rickard were treated at Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green.

Deputies said Mr. Rickard's southbound car went around two sets of barricades and drove into the construction area, where it struck a utility pole and the workers. His car then crashed into a CSX maintenance truck before driving off the tracks at the east side of the crossing.

The accident remains under investigation.