

# How **Bad** Do You Think This **Wreck** Was?

**L**ast December, this photo ran in the *Virginian-Pilot*, a newspaper in Hampton Roads, Virginia. It shows the aftermath of a three-car pile-up on a Virginia Beach road.

One person (the driver of the mini-van) died in this wreck, and two others were injured. What struck us was the fact that when you look at the cars, you would not think that anyone had been killed.

The driver of the mini-van, John Wilson, was driving south on this road at 8 a.m. He tried to turn left and turned into the path of a Ford sedan (seen in the background) that was headed in the opposite

direction. The cars collided, and Wilson, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected out the passenger-side window. He hit his head on the pavement and died.

After Wilson was ejected, the mini-van continued moving and collided with a Nissan Maxima. The driver of that car, who was wearing a seat belt, was not injured.

The two injured people (the driver and passenger in the Ford) were not wearing seat belts. They both suffered head injuries that weren't life-threatening.

And some people still think they want to be thrown clear if they have a wreck. **✘**

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