

Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

This column is the personal opinion of Kenny Jenks and is based on his 29+ years of policing experience. It is not necessarily the official opinion of the City of Anna or the Anna Police Department. If you wish to Email, include your name and address in the correspondence. Your information will be edited before sending it to print.

I receive between 75-100 Emails each week from persons who would like to converse about the activities of the police in Anna and surrounding areas. I can't respond to or print all of them, but I do read them! This week:

Willy from Dallas wrote: *Sir: I am a Collin County resident, who has just been the victim of a bicycle crash in Anna because of a negligent driver who left me alone on the ground at the scene of the accident she had caused. On Sep 14, like most Wednesdays, I was riding my bicycle on a favorite cycling loop on the frontage road of US 75, between Van Alstyne, Anna and Melissa. Just before 9am I arrived at the Mantua road intersection (CO Road 371) when a car surged into that intersection from behind the trees on the right, in complete disregard for the Yield sign. I had the choice of riding in front of her, and be run over by her wheels, or hit my breaks hard, knowing that I would probably go over the handlebars. I picked the latter choice. The result: I'm alive, but with a double fracture of the collarbone. The car was a white sedan with a six digits license plate starting with CS. The driver was a white female in her late twenties. I certainly could identify them if I'd see her again. She stopped the car, opened her window but did not get out, and asked me frantically if I was OK and needed her to call someone. While in pain and on the ground, I asked her to please stay with me until my friends behind would arrive. She told me "I have a flat and cannot stay in the middle of the road – I will turn around and come back." And upon that she took off and disappeared.....a friend took me to an urgent care facility close to home. I have a double fracture of the clavicle, which is minor compared to the risk I was exposed to. Next week, the doctor will determine if I need shoulder surgery. I am however left with paying most of the medical bills because of the high deductible on my insurance plan, and mostly upset that the driver responsible for the accident disappeared from the scene while I was still shaken and on the ground.*

Willy, I am very glad to hear that your injuries were not more severe; not that a broken clavicle isn't bad enough! I pray that surgery is not necessary and that your time on the mend will pass quickly.

Regarding the vehicle that you report was the cause of your crash, all our Department can do is try and watch for a **white sedan with a license plate that starts with "CS."** That is not very much to go on making the likelihood of us

being able to identify the actual vehicle and driver remote; we will keep an eye out. If any further information arises, a member of our staff will contact you.

(READERS, if you see a car matching that description, please call us 972-924-2848)

The intersection where your crash occurred is a TxDOT controlled highway. They are the sole authority for determining the type and location of the traffic control devices and signage on the roads under their control/jurisdiction. I will forward your suggestions to the area TxDOT office for their review.

Outdoor Storm Sirens Tested (weather permitting): First Wednesday of the month @ noon

***Phone numbers: Emergency???? Dial 911.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

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