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Two injured in collision with out-of-control trash truck in Etna, police say

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ETNA — Two people from Canaan were seriously injured Wednesday afternoon when a Casella Waste Systems driver lost control of his trash truck and slammed into their car, Hanover police said.

Kevin Hart, 52, and Ciara Hart, 22, were both taken to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center with serious injuries, police said in a news release.

The driver of the Casella truck, Joshua Wilson, 48, of Lebanon was driving from King Road onto Etna Road around 2:40 p.m. when he “lost control of his vehicle, traveled through the intersection, and collided” with the Harts’ passenger vehicle, the release said.

Emily Clarkson, who lives on Etna Road next to Etna Library, said she was in her yard and heard the collision, but didn’t see it.

“It was very loud,” said Clarkson, who called 911 as another neighbor ran to the scene. Clarkson said she saw a “big dust cloud, then I could see the truck overturned” on the library lawn next to a tree.

Several parents were waiting to pick up children at the library school bus stop, she said, but no other injuries were reported. King Road is a steep, winding road posted to prohibit heavy trucks, and police said they’re probing the crash.

“King Road is posted and has restrictions, and that is part of the investigation,” Police Chief Charlie Dennis said via email.

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