

## Newfield man is in critical condition following crash

A Newfield man remained in critical condition this morning at an Elmira hospital, suffering numerous severe injuries he received in a high-speed crash Saturday in Ithaca.

Tompkins County sheriff's deputies said Blair Shattuck, 21, of 191B Meadowbrook trailer park was unconscious and bleeding severely when rescue crews arrived at the scene of the 4:30 a.m. accident on Hayts Road, 400 feet west of the Route 96 intersection.

They said Shattuck, who was alone in the 1972 Pontiac he was driving, was eastbound on Hayts Road at a high rate of speed when the car failed to round a curve.

The car skidded 261 feet and left the south side of the

road. The right rear side of the car struck a tree and the car became airborne for 41 feet, striking a second tree head-on, deputies said.

Deputies said the front end, engine, and transmission broke away from the car, coming to rest in the road 15 feet from the second tree. The body of the car stopped 66 feet from the tree, deputies said.

Shattuck, who was not wearing safety restraints, was ejected from the car and thrown into the road some 90 feet from the tree.

A spokesman for Arnot Ogden Hospital in Elmira said today that Shattuck had been on the critical list in the intensive care unit since his arrival at the hospital early Saturday.

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