

SPARTANBURG MAN RECEIVES 15-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR DRUG-RELATED WRECK

A Spartanburg man received a 15-year prison sentence and 5 years of probation for driving under the influence of drugs and causing a wreck that seriously injured two small children.

Correy T. Bogan, 20, pleaded guilty to two counts of felony driving under the influence with great bodily injury, two counts of leaving the scene of an accident with great bodily injury, leaving the scene of an accident with personal injury and use of a vehicle without the owner's consent. Circuit Judge Mark Hayes issued the sentence.

The wreck occurred about 6:20 p.m. on May 1 at the intersection of Asheville Highway and North Church Street. Bogan was traveling south on Asheville Highway at a high rate of speed when he rear-ended two cars who were stopped at the North Church Street intersection. Bogan's 1983 Chevrolet glanced off the left side of a 1991 Lincoln before it barreled into a 1992 Plymouth driven by Alan Goggins, 26, of Spartanburg. The impact crushed the right rear portion of Goggins' vehicle.

Goggins, his wife, Vanessa and four children were taken to Spartanburg Regional Medical Center with injuries that ranged in seriousness from bumps and cuts to torn spleen and other internal injuries. The driver of the Lincoln, David Darden, 25, wasn't seriously injured in the wreck.

Bogan was driving a car he had taken without the permission of the owner.

After the wreck, Bogan climbed out the window of his car and ran toward East Pearl Street. Officers arrested him a short time later.

Lab tests indicated that Bogan was driving under the influence of marijuana and cocaine.

"This wreck could have been a lot worse," Principal Deputy Solicitor Barry Barnette said. "The Goggins family is fortunate to survive a horrific crash."