

# Driver Uninjured When Logging Truck Overturns Thursday



A Galax, Va., man escaped injuries when his logging truck overturned in North Wilkesboro Thursday afternoon on N.C. 115 at the intersection with Second Street, according to North Wilkesboro Police Chief Joe Rankin.

Gary Lynn Ball, driver of a 1994 Mack logging truck, was making a left turn from the southbound lanes of Second Street onto N.C. 115 when his load of logs shifted, shearing a pin, Rankin said. The trailer overturned,

spilling the logs onto the south shoulder of the road.

There was heavy damage to the trailer, Rankin noted. The wreck happened around 4:45 p.m. and it took about two hours to clear away the wreckage and haul off the logs.

Ball was headed to a sawmill on Speedway Road in the Broadway community when the accident occurred, Rankin said.

Wilkes EMS was called to the scene, but there were no injuries. North Wilkesboro first responders and firemen were also at the scene, along with Rankin and several North Wilkesboro officers.

Rankin said his officers, assisted by first responders and firemen, were able to minimize traffic disruption in the heavily traveled area.