

Who is writing the article, who is reporting the article and who you are related to?

The news is full of reports of a sixteen-year-old driver who attempted to roll coal on a group of cyclists and proceeded to run over six of the cyclists. Rolling coal is driving a diesel vehicle, 99% of the time a large pick-up truck, in such a way that when passing cyclists, the cyclists are enveloped in a thick cloud of diesel fumes making it impossible to see or breathe.

On September 25 a teenager driving a diesel F250 passed several cyclists training for a triathlon on Old Highway 290, Waller County, Texas. The driver had rolled coal on one group and was doing it to a second group of cyclists when he ran over six of the cyclists sending several to the hospital, 2 by flight for life. All six cyclists have survived.

The driver was not charged at the scene, and as of this date has not been charged. Reasons for the young driver not being charged have ranged from whom he was in the community to it was not an intentional act.

The press reports exploded when the lawyer for the driver claimed the action did not involve any criminal intent. Coal Rolling in many states is a criminal act. In most states, hitting a pedestrian or cyclists is a criminal act, no matter the intent of the driver.

The incident took on a greater role when the district attorney announced the police had failed to secure the scene and did not do a professional job of investigating the accident. Now a special prosecutor has been appointed to investigate the incident.

The attorney for the driver has stated the police did investigate the scene.

The injured cyclists have hired attorneys to sue the driver who are also chiming in on the case.

The articles about the incident and follow up investigations are also biased based on who the publisher is. The cycling community articles are very different from local news casts, although the news casts have also started to change how they look at the incident. Public pressure is possibly forcing the local news to look at the incident in a different light.

The discussion has also spread to social media creating more fervor over the issue. Comments on the sites reporting the accident exceeds 1000 in several cases. The Waller County District Attorneys Facebook's page has 422 comments about the incident.

This discussion will look at what is and is not a criminal or traffic incident when driving a vehicle. Was the act a traffic infraction, a crime or just an accident under the law?

The discussion will also look at how things are being reported. Why the attorneys are making statements and how we as readers are influenced by what we read and our position previous position on a subject. Do we read what we want to read to reinforce our beliefs? Do we read to make ourselves angry? Do we read to learn and get better? As time goes by, and more opinions are heard; the reporting about the event has changed. Does this cause a change in what we see and what we believe?

Neutral Reporting

[A Teenager Hit Six Cyclists While Trying To Roll Coal And Was Not Arrested](#)

[Driver, 16, blowing black smoke runs over 6 cyclists training for Ironman triathlon on Texas highway, reports say](#)

Pro Cyclists Reporting

['Rolling coal' is assault, says District Attorney – but still no arrest after Texas teen hits six cyclists](#)

[A 16-Year-Old Driver in a Truck Hit Six Cyclists—and Still Hasn't Been Arrested](#)

[Coal-Rolling Texas Truck Driver Plows Into 6 Cyclists](#)

[Texas Teen Antagonized Cyclists, Mowed Six Down, Then Was Let Go](#)

Pro-Driver Reporting

[Attorney for teenager who ran over 6 cyclists outside Houston speaks out](#)

[Lawyer says teen who crashed into six Houston-area bicyclists was 'inexperienced' driver](#)

[Lawyers for six cyclists hit in Waller County speak out](#)

[Teenager Driving Ford Truck Hits Cyclists While Rolling Coal](#)

Facebook

[District Attorney of Waller County](#)

Statutes

Colorado Revised Statutes 42-4-314

Maine 29-A M.R.S. § 2113 Visible emissions

Maryland Transportation, Section 21-1131

More Reporting

[Driver walks free after hitting six cyclists, killing one in Liberty County](#)

Charges Filed

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/transportation/article/Waller-driver-who-rolled-coal-could-face-16603437.php>

https://www.adventure-journal.com/2021/11/update-coal-rolling-teen-who-hit-6-cyclists-in-texas-charged-with-felonies/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+adventure-journal+%28adventure+journal%29