Bridge closed after accident

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Motorists on Mira Levee Road in north Caddo Parish are being forced to find an alternate route of travel after a bridge was damaged in a traffic crash this morning.

Brandon Shackelford, 24, of Mira, was traveling westbound when he rounded a curve in his 1996 GMC truck and hit the bridge's guardrail. The truck landed upside down in a gully near the bridge.

Shackelford was not injured, but left the truck at the crash site and failed to notify authorities of the accident. A citizen later reported finding the truck.

Shackelford was cited for careless operation and failure to report an accident.

Authorities say the bridge will be closed for at least the next week while it is repaired.