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Press Release

Mount Prospect Girl Struck and injured by Vehicle on Northwest Highway in Downtown Mount Prospect

On Friday, July 15th, 2011 at 1:34 p.m. Mount Prospect Police responded to a reported accident with injuries involving a pedestrian and a motor vehicle at the intersection of Northwest Highway and Emerson Street. The accident involved a 13 year old Mount Prospect girl who was struck by a delivery van and sustained multiple injuries. She was transported by Mount Prospect Fire Department ambulance to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge where she is currently being treated for her injuries. The pedestrian's injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

Members of the Mount Prospect Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Team are assisting with the accident investigation. The Mount Prospect Police Department's preliminary accident investigation is complete. Numerous eyewitnesses to the accident reported that the juvenile pedestrian was running south across Northwest Highway, just west of Emerson Street against the pedestrian traffic control signals, when she was struck by a Ford van traveling eastbound in the curb lane of Northwest Highway, just west of Emerson Street. Witnesses reported that the Ford van, which was being operated by a 17 year old Chicago resident, Raymond Oliver, was traveling at or below the posted speed limit and fully within its marked lane of travel (eastbound curb-lane of Northwest Highway), approaching the intersection with Emerson Street when the pedestrian ran south across Northwest Highway and into the path of the van. The traffic control signals for eastbound traffic on Northwest Highway at Emerson Street were green. The driver of the van attempted to swerve to avoid the pedestrian, but was unable to avoid striking the pedestrian.

The intersection of Northwest Highway and Emerson Street was partially closed to traffic for approximately ninety minutes while the accident scene was processed and the preliminary investigation completed. The driver of the van will not be cited in connection with the accident.

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