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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: January 20th, 2015
Complaint Number: 15-102934
Type of Incident: Car versus bus accident
Reporting Officer: Deputy Ronald Kimbrough
Supervisor Approval: Sergeant Bryan Muir

On Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at approximately 2:47 pm, the Kent County Sheriff's Department along with the Cedar Springs Fire Department and Rockford Ambulance were dispatched to the 6500 block of 17 Mile Rd NE on a report of a car versus school bus injury accident.

Upon deputies arriving on scene, they located a mid-sized sedan pinned under the rear of a school bus. Deputies and first responders quickly determined the school bus was occupied with a combination of approximately twenty students from the Cedar Springs middle and high schools. All parties involved in the accident were medically evaluated and a total of four people reported minor injuries. Two subjects from the at-fault vehicle, who are also 16 year old Cedar Springs students and one additional student from the school bus were transported to Helen Devos Children's hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

Sheriff's deputies and school administrators coordinated on scene to contact the parents of all students involved and the remainder of the uninjured students were transferred to another bus and dropped off at their scheduled stops.

The Sheriff's Department investigation has determined the school bus had been stopped on the roadway with its lights activated in order to drop off a student, when the driver of the at-fault vehicle became distracted and was unable to stop before striking the bus.

The Sheriff's Department will review their entire investigation and issue the appropriate charge to the at-fault driver at later date.