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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 10-21-16

Complaint Number: 151621-16

Type of Incident: Serious Personal Injury Accident

Narrative: On 10-21-16, at 1034 hours, KCSD, Rockford Ambulance, and Cedar Springs Fire were dispatched to a personal injury accident that occurred at 18 Mile Road and Myers Lake Avenue.

The investigation determined that a Red 2008 Dodge Caravan, driven by Kellie Austin, age 41 from Rockford, was traveling southbound on Myers Lake Avenue. The red Caravan pulled out in front of a 2012 Black Chevy Suburban driven by Tia Powell, age 30 from Gowen, that had the right of way while traveling eastbound on 18 Mile Road. The black Suburban struck the front passenger side of the red Caravan. This sent both vehicles into the south east corner of the intersection. The Suburban then struck a utility pole.

Kellie Austin suffered serious injuries; she was transported by Rockford Ambulance to Butterworth Hospital.

Tia Powell suffered back and stomach pain. The front seat passenger of the Black Suburban Tamera Townes, age 55 from Cedar Springs, suffered back pain. The rear center passenger of the Black Suburban Isaiah Powell age 2 from Gowen, suffered a bump to his lip. All three were transported by Rockford Ambulance to Butterworth Hospital.

All occupants were wearing seatbelts. Isaiah Powell was in car seat.

This accident is still under investigation.

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Supervisor Approval: