



NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 17-21659

On August 1, at approximately 9:49 p.m., Portage Department of Public Safety Police and Fire personnel were dispatched to the area of the 7300 block of Garden Lane in reference to a traffic crash involving a car and a train.

Upon arrival, public safety personnel located a white SUV on the northeast corner of the intersection of Garden Lane and the railroad tracks. A train was stopped on the tracks, and the lights and audible signal for the railroad crossing signal were activated. There were three occupants in the SUV. Two of the occupants were uninjured. The third occupant, a 22-year-old female who was sitting in the back seat at the time of the crash, was transported to the hospital with apparent non-life-threatening injuries.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the SUV was driving east on Garden Lane and crossed over the railroad tracks. A train traveling north struck the rear, passenger side corner of the vehicle. Independent witnesses in the area advised that they could hear the railroad crossing bell long before they heard the collision.

Anyone with information is asked to call Portage Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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